

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-03-2015

Present: Supervisor Gene Reck, Treasurer Donna Wood, Trustee Howard Wood, Clerk John Keller, Trustee Lynn Ribits

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Cross Village Board was called to order by Reck at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Agenda: Amendments were added to the agenda, adding items F. Blight; G. Levering Rd. Gene Reck moved to approve the amended agenda. Howard Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (October 2015): Howard Wood moved to approve the October 2015 minutes. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the October 2015 minutes were approved.

Financial Report: The Treasurer's report and Clerk's reports were summarily accepted.

Total Bills Paid (October 2015): \$12,825.27

Payment of Bills: The board decided to wait before paying an invoice (\$14,480.00) to the County Road Commission for the Levering Road project. The Township originally agreed to contribute \$60,000.00 toward the repair of Levering Road, a County road, which was in extreme need of attention. The original estimate from the County on the cost was \$72,000.00. Gene Reck made a motion to approve payment of the other bills (\$265.00). John Keller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- a. Supervisor noted an invitation to the 2015 Emmet County Recycler of the Year awards presentation on November 8, 2015 at 9 a.m.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Ms. Edy Stoughton gave a preliminary report for the Recreation Committee, discussing both long-term goals such as land use (scenic trails, educating people about land use, etc), and short-term projects and goals (upgrades to the Town Hall, for example). Some suggestions included possible movie nights, year-round potlucks. A general survey regarding recreational goals and ideas for Cross Village was presented, and will be included in the next tax bill mailing.

Supervisor Reck noted that he's working on a list of all property in the township with which the Little Traverse Conservancy has an agreement.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred.
- b. Forward Planning for 2014 – 2016: No discussion occurred.
- c. Master Plan and Recreation Committees: See above for Recreation Committee report.
- d. Fireworks Ordinance: Supervisor Reck presented a third draft version of a fireworks ordinance for consideration. The ordinance would limit the use of Consumer fireworks in Cross Village Township to the day before, day of, and day after National Holidays to between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 a.m. Additionally, the use of Sky Lanterns would be banned completely. No consumer fireworks would be allowed if fire danger warning is High or above, or if a burn ban is in effect. Other details of the draft ordinance included those rules covered by State Law, such as no fireworks on public property without express permission. On other days besides those preceding, during, and after holidays, Consumer fireworks are limited to no later than 11 p.m. No action was taken on this draft ordinance. Clerk Keller will bring a draft to the next meeting for consideration, as requested by Supervisor Reck.
- e. Blight: Trustee Wood stated he felt a property on Levering Road was becoming blight. No action was taken. Wood also mentioned the presence of a '5th-wheel' travel trailer parked at another property on Levering Road, and wondered if it was in violation of zoning ordinances. Supervisor Reck stated he'd look into the zoning regarding the matter.

New Business

- A. Levering Road – Because of the extra charges on the invoice, as stated above, it was decided not to pay the bill at this time. Supervisor Reck is in communication on the matter with the Road Commission.
- B. Trees at Smolak Park – Discussion occurred regarding recent trees downed by wind at the Park, and their subsequent clean up.
- C. Brush line of Cross Property – Reck stated he'd received a bid for clearing shrubs obscuring the view over the bluff. No action was taken at this time.

Second Public Comment:

- A citizen expressed thanks for the board keeping the issue of the Post Office ongoing.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

John F. Keller, Cross Village Township Clerk

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