

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 12-01-2015

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: Howard Wood moved to approve the agenda. Gene Reck seconded it. All were in favor and the agenda was approved.

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

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

Total Bills Paid (November 2015): \$29,288.35

Payment of Bills: Gene Reck made a motion to approve payment of the bills (\$23,096.12). John Keller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred.
- b. Forward Planning for 2014 – 2016: Trustee Ribits suggested a discussion of a millage as a possible funding source for the Town Hall renovation project. Supervisor Reck stated he will put the item on the January 2016 Agenda for discussion.
- c. Master Plan and Recreation Committees: None
- d. Fireworks Ordinance: Clerk Keller presented a fourth draft version of a fireworks ordinance for consideration. The ordinance would permit the use of Consumer fireworks in Cross Village Township on the day before, day of, and day after National Holidays without restriction. For the rest of the year, in the months of June through September, Consumer fireworks would be allowed on Sunday through Thursday until 11 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday until Midnight. During the months of October through May, Sunday through Thursday consumer fireworks would be allowed until 8 p.m. while Friday and Saturday consumer fireworks would be allowed until 10 11

p.m. Additionally, the use of Sky Lanterns would be prohibited if a burn ban is in effect, or if fire danger is High or above, or if there is a prevailing wind of 5 mph or greater. Consumer fireworks of any sort would be prohibited at any time 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.

No action was taken on this draft ordinance. Clerk Keller will email the draft ordinance to all board members for consideration. No other action was taken on the issue.

- e. Brush Line of Bluff: Supervisor Reck stated the brush would be thinned over the bluff line at a cost of \$10/hr. labor by local resident Patrick Keller.
- f. Levering Road: Supervisor Reck stated the remaining owed to the County Road Commission on the project was \$5,992.00, and requested it be included in Bills Paid this month. It was included and will be paid this month.

New Business

- A. Township Road Meeting: Cross Village Township board is invited to attend the meeting to discuss road projects, concerns, and issues affecting the Township. The meeting is at Center Township Hall, 5:30 on January 27th.
- B. LTBB: Discussion occurred regarding a lawsuit filed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians v. State of Michigan. The lawsuit is in regards to a treaty signed in 1855 designating tribal lands, and a desire by the tribe to have the boundaries defined. Reck noted he'd spoken with the Township attorney about the matter, and was advised "we're in a learning phase". Supervisor stated he will likely be attending multiple meetings on the issue.
- C. Woolham Family Preserve: Supervisor Reck handed out information on the preserve.
- D. Loss Control Recommendations: Supervisor presented information from the Township insurance agent. Discussion occurred regarding the broken storm windows. Three replacement storm windows will be purchased and installed by Petoskey Glass. Supervisor Reck noted Petoskey Glass has volunteered to more firmly attach all the storm windows, as loose or missing screws may have been a factor in the broken windows.
- E. Recycler of the Year Award: Supervisor Reck presented a certificate of award from Emmet County to Cross Village Township as Recycler of the Year.
- F. Supervisor moved to allow for Treasurer to replace her computer, up to a cost of \$500.00.

Second Public Comment: None

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

John F. Keller, Cross Village Township Clerk

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