

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 06-03-2014

Present: Treasurer Donna Wood, Supervisor Gene Reck, 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:

John Keller moved to amend the agenda to include item e: Discussion of Receiving Board resolution. Howard Wood made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Gene Reck seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (May 2014):

Howard Wood moved to approve the May minutes. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the May minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer's report and Clerk's reports were accepted.

Total Bills Paid (May): \$10,992.92

Payment of Bills:

Howard Wood made a motion to approve payment of bills (\$1,895.98). Donna Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence: Discussion was held regarding a complaint received involving a house on Chippewa Drive that the complainant feels is blighted. No action was taken at this time.

Public Comments: Ms. Diane Keller announced an upcoming Pow Wow, to be held at the Cross property on June 28, 2014. This Pow Wow would be in association with and sponsored by the Mackinaw Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Further discussion of this event occurred later in the meeting (See below).

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2013 – 2016: No discussion occurred.
- c. Township Recreation Plan: Next steps – No discussion occurred.

- d. Quotes on Roof and painting for CVCC: A bid was presented by Trustee Howard Wood on behalf of Good Hart Carpentry for replacement of the roof on the Community Center, and discussion regarding details of the proposed contract was held. Howard Wood will seek a third bid before a decision is made.
- e. School Bell Progress: The wording for the commemorative/dedicating plaque for the bell was discussed, with several changes being offered. Placement of the plaque was also discussed.
- f. Placement of stone at beach: Discussion was held regarding placement of the stone/plaque at the Park. Mr. George Smolak stated he'll have the stone placed soon, and when the date is known a dedication/picnic will be announced to commemorate both the plaque dedication and the opening of the new pavilion.
- g. Purchase of Lot 300-009: No action occurred.
- h. Mobimat for beach park: Supervisor Reck is still awaiting a quote for pricing of the mat.
- i. Parade Marshall: The Parade Marshall this year will be Ms. Jay Radosevich.

New Business:

- a. Changes in Communication Towers zoning Ordinance: Discussion was held and information disseminated about proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to communication towers.
- b. Letter with Tax Bills: Discussion of the informational insert to be included with the Tax Bills was held.
- c. Calendar: Supervisor Reck covered some of the upcoming events for the Township, illustrated on a calendar. This calendar, along with a lot of other interesting and useful information, can be accessed online at the following link:

<http://crossvillage.info>

One of the upcoming events of note is the Spring Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday June 12 from 10 am to Noon.

Another interesting event is the launching/filming of a documentary/docudrama, the beginning of which will take place at the Cross Village Park/Port.

Discussion regarding the aforementioned Pow Wow occurred, with Trustee Wood expressing concern about the procedure for approval of such an event, although he's in favor of the event itself.

- d. Recycle Center fence: Discussion was held regarding loose debris at the Recycle Center, and the need for more frequent cleaning/emptying, along with the possibility of an enclosing fence to keep the debris from spreading.
- e. Receiving Board/ Election Commission discussion: John Keller gave information from the County Clerk regarding the need for a Receiving Board of precinct workers at every election henceforth. Keller read a proposed Resolution that would establish a Receiving Board for future elections. Gene Reck moved to adopt this Resolution. Donna Wood seconded. All voted Aye: Reck – Aye; Ribits – Aye; D.Wood – Aye; H.Wood – Aye; Keller – Aye.

The Resolution was adopted.

Keller then discussed new information learned at recent Michigan Bureau of Elections training regarding the duties of the Township Election Commission to participate in Accuracy Testing (both Preliminary and Public) of voting equipment. He noted that all meetings of the Election Commission are open meetings and subject to all the requirements of any other meeting: minutes will be taken; notices will be posted. It was agreed by the Board to schedule Township Election Commission meetings immediately following the regular board meeting for any month in which such a meeting is needed. Notices will be posted.

Second Public Comment:

- A citizen expressed concern that the debris at the Recycle Center is due mostly to overfull dumpsters, causing people to place items outside the containers.
- It was asked whether signage warning swimmers of dangerous rip tides at the beach would be placed. Supervisor Reck noted this was important, and he'll include a warning in the Tax Bill insert.
- Township plans/projects for the roads system was brought up, and current year projects were discussed, along with future plans, which include Sturgeon Bay Drive (2015).
- **A citizen complained about the performance of Internet service provided by Cherry Capital Connection. Howard Wood made a motion for the Supervisor to write a letter of complaint to Cherry Capital. Donna Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Before adjournment, Treasurer Wood reported on the pricing for life safety rings for the Port/Park. The cost for a 24" ring is \$47.00, and available colors are white and orange. These are US Coast Guard approved rings. Additional costs for the rope weren't yet given, but will be investigated. Gene Reck moved to approve purchase of two rings. Howard Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

John Keller mentioned the ongoing need for upkeep at the Fire Hall. Supervisor Reck noted he'd called Abent Pest Control earlier in the month regarding spraying for spiders, but had not received a call back, and that he'll call again. Keller said he'll purchase a tool kit for the Fire Hall for around \$100.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

John F. Keller, Cross Village Township Clerk