

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 06-07-2016

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 asked to amend the agenda to include item d: Jake Brakes noise. Howard Wood moved to approve the amended agenda. Gene Reck seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (May 2016): Howard Wood moved to approve the May 2016 minutes. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the May 2016 minutes were approved.

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

Total Bills Paid (May 2016): \$4910.01

Payment of Bills: Gene Reck moved to pay unpaid bills totaling \$3297.13. Howard Wood seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence/Announcements:

- Two grant proposals received funding from the Local Revenue Sharing Board. \$5000.00 was granted to help fund a new cascade system for the RFC Fire and Rescue, and \$3500.00 was granted to help fund a new well at the Cross Village Port/Park.
- Supervisor noted he and Fire Chief Chris Krupa had discussed the possibility of utilizing the well for water supply during fires, and how this would affect the size of the well, cost, etc. Reck says he intends on taking the project to the NEESA board, and also he will get more information on what would be needed, checking with the owners of the Bliss polo fields, where such a well is used already by RFC.

Public Comments:

- A citizen noted the cemetery is full of branches and needs maintenance.
- A citizen suggested the spring cleanup be every other year. Also, that the brush along the bluff at the Cross property is obscuring the view. Another subject was cracks in some of the sidewalks, and the need to replace those sections. Also, a request that the old Town Hall building be kept locked.
- Another citizen asked whether State Road was on the County Road Commission's planning list. Supervisor Reck said not at this time. Brief discussion occurred regarding possible uses for the budgeted road improvements money (\$48,000), with Supervisor noting it was not scheduled to be used this year, but retained toward a future use. When asked whether it could be used by the County to improve main street, Reck said he didn't want to enter into deals with the County using Township road funds any longer, after problems arose during the Levering Road project, which was funded in a similar manner.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2016 -: No discussion occurred.
- c. Master Plan: No discussion occurred.
- d. Fireworks Ordinance: Supervisor Reck moved to adopt as written a draft fireworks ordinance for Cross Village Township, which would restrict the use of commercial fireworks to specific times and days, allowing for seasonal adjustment, and further disallow use based on fire danger and/or prevailing winds. Donna Wood seconded the motion. Upon a Roll Call the following votes were cast:
Lynn Ribits: Yes Gene Reck: Yes John Keller: Yes
Howard Wood: Yes Donna Wood: Yes

All were in favor, and the ordinance was adopted. A full copy of the ordinance will be posted in the Post Office, and is available by contacting the Clerk or Supervisor. As required by law, notification of this ordinance will be published in a local newspaper within 30 days, and the ordinance will be effective 30 days following publication.

- e. Jake Brakes: Howard Wood noted how loud the semi-trucks are when entering town, mostly because of their use of engine brakes ('jake' brakes), and suggested two signs be posted stating no use of engine brakes in town. A citizen noted the problem was severe just west of Hill Road on Levering Road, where the trucks slow down entering the s-curves. Supervisor said he'll call Brian Gutkowski from the Road Commission to discuss the matter.

New Business:

- a. Lot Split: Assessor Tim Grimm presented information on a requested lot split by Robert Dendel and Catherine Hahn. The assessor noted he sees no problems with the request. Howard Wood moved to allow the split. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor.
- b. Well Proposal: This was discussed earlier.
- c. Township to do:
 - Clean recycle
 - Paint lines on basketball court
 - Paint Cemetery Sign
 - Cemetery Management
 - Hydrant construction at Park
 - Park trees

Second Public Comment: A citizen asked if there was a status report/time schedule on the Town Hall renovation project. Supervisor said not at this time.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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