

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 07-05-2016

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

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

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

Total Bills Paid (June 2016): \$9423.05

Payment of Bills: Gene Reck moved to pay unpaid bills totaling \$1094.65. Howard Wood seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence/Announcements:

- Two grant proposals received funding checks 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 reported the parade was a success. Trustee Ribits mentioned the route change had left some people outside of the parade route. This year the parade turned south at the stone chapel in order to make two circuits. A map of the route each year was suggested.
- Supervisor reminded people of the August Primary Election, and introduced Toni Drier, a candidate for Emmet County Commissioner, who spoke briefly.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Naomi Singer announced there would be a dedication to a new historical marker on July 19 at 3 pm across from Pond Hill Farm. The public is welcome.
- A citizen questioned whether there was anything directly related to fires in the new Fireworks Ordinance, and Reck stated there was not, that the ordinance was strictly regarding fireworks.
- Many concerned citizens spoke at length regarding a recent grass fire on the beach off Sturgeon Bay Trail, requesting information on ways to prevent future incidents, how to contact the DNR regarding this kind of incident, and whether the Township can play a part in controlling campfires. Many were grateful for the rapid community response, with neighbors along the affected area extinguishing the fire.
- A citizen reported a contact at the DNR whom anyone concerned could call: Dana, at (989)732-3541, extension 5450.
- A citizen asked whether RFC normally uses sirens when responding to a fire, noting they'd not heard any at the beach fire, and that sirens may have informed people of the problem more rapidly. Clerk Keller suggested anyone with questions on RFC procedures

- or policies call Fire Chief Chris Krupa.
- Supervisor Reck stated he'd been called to an incinerator behind Legs Inn that was shooting flames into a pine tree, and he made the worker there extinguish the flames with a garden hose.

Committee Reports: Recreation Plan – Reck stated some had already received a questionnaire designed to elicit opinions and ideas for the recreation plan.

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. Well Proposal: No new information.
- e. Township to do:
 - a. Paint Lines on basketball court
 - b. Paint cemetery sign – CVCS has undertaken this project. Thanks!
 - c. Cemetery Management
 - d. Hydrant construction at Park
 - e. Park trees
- f. Lawyer's report – Reck presented the board with information in writing from the attorney representing the townships in the LTBB lawsuit.

New Business:

- a. Emmet County Townships Association – 6 pm, July 20 at Mackinac
- b. NEESA meeting – Readmond Township Hall, July 27 7 pm
- c. Architect Contract and discussion of project – the cost seemed high, so the Supervisor will check with other firms.
- d. Sheriff's Contract – the contract for extra patrols was accepted and signed.
- e. Board of Review meets Tuesday, July 19 at 2:30 pm
- f. A recent land division was approved for Jami Engle.
- g. Assessor's Contract including a 1.5% raise: After short discussion, the raise was not approved. Supervisor will rewrite the contract to reflect the same offer as last year.

Second Public Comment: A citizen asked about the trees at the park project. Reck stated he'll talk with other arborists about the type of tree that is suitable.

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

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