

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-11-2014

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

Absent: 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.

Thanks to our Veterans: Gene Reck expressed the thanks of the Board to Trustee Howard Wood for his service in our United States military, and to all our vets. **THANK YOU!**

Agenda:

Howard Wood made a motion to amend the agenda, adding items F: Dam Bridge; G: Beach rocks. John Keller moved to approve the amended agenda. Gene Reck seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (Oct 2014):

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

Financial Report:

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

Total Bills Paid (October): \$21,436.65

Payment of Bills:

Howard Wood made a motion to approve payment of bills (\$1,566.92). Gene Reck seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Supervisor Reck presented information on recent shipwrecks discovered near the Ile Aux Galet (Skillagalee) lighthouse.
- Certificate of Completion from the County Building Department (CVCC roof project) was noted.
- Discussion occurred regarding the failure of Mr. Thomas Shomin to pay Cross Village Excavating for removal of a trailer from his property, said removal being an enforcement of the township blight ordinance. Howard Wood moved the township pay Cross Village Excavating (\$500), with the intention of recovering the cost from Mr. Shomin. Reck seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried. Supervisor Reck will send a letter to Mr. Shomin informing him that the township has paid Cross Village Excavating, and

would like reimbursement.

- Correspondence regarding a building along M119 that a citizen feels is an eyesore was discussed. It was decided the structure's condition doesn't constitute blight as defined in township policy. Supervisor Reck will generate a letter stating this.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2013 – 2016: No discussion occurred.
- c. Master Plan and Recreation Committees: Concern over the lack of citizens willing to serve on either committee was expressed. Supervisor Reck will take a look at our current Recreation Plan, and try to update it, subject to board approval.
- d. Sidewalk Responses: 4 responses to easement requests were noted, with 3 NO and 1 YES response.

New Business:

- a. Assessor's Report: Tim Grimm gave a report on the Township AMAR (Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements) for the State Tax Commission. Mr. Grimm covered the AMAR report thoroughly, outlining a corrective action plan for each area noted on the report as needing resolution.
- b. Report on Lake Shore Road improvement: Reck reported he met with members of the County Road Commission on the issue, and it was evident a large project including storm sewers is needed. He has a meeting schedule with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to investigate possible funding options.
- c. Case #20-14 and Revised Tower Ordinance: Information on the upcoming Case #20-14 was not available at the time of the meeting. Supervisor Reck stated he's working with several other townships on revising the current ordinance on towers (such as for Internet service), in an effort to make these services more available to all township residents.
- d. Local Community Responder proposal: Discussion occurred regarding information on a group of volunteers to help the elderly or others in need with simple, non-emergency needs (changing a lightbulb; moving an object too heavy, like snow tires into a vehicle, etc.). Treasurer Wood will find out if a deadline on inserting information with the next tax bills has passed, and whether such an insert is allowable by law.
- e. DEQ public hearing report: Monday, November 10, 2014 a public hearing was held at the Cross Village Community Center regarding a prospective new construction.
- f. Dam bridge: Howard Wood asked about possible township help funding a new, 66" wide bridge over Weikamp Creek (the old 'Beaver Dam'), in order for ORVs to cross. The subject will be on December's agenda for discussion.
- g. Beach Rocks: Howard Wood noted someone had backed into one of the

benches at the Park, and suggested the placement of rocks to prevent further incidents.

Second Public Comment: None

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

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