

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 08-11-2014

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:

Howard Wood moved to amend the agenda to include additional items D: Fireworks discussion; E: Building Height on Main Street; F: Fire Department. Gene Reck made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Howard Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (July 2014):

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

Financial Report:

Reck moved to accept the financial reports. Howard Wood seconded. All were in favor. The Treasurer's report and Clerk's reports were accepted.

Total Bills Paid (July): \$18,420.34

Payment of Bills:

Gene Reck made a motion to approve payment of bills (\$5,886.12). Howard Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Announcements/Correspondence: No announcements were made at this time.

Public Comments: A citizen expressed concern regarding fireworks usage in the Township, and supports an ordinance limiting such uses. Supervisor Reck presented an initial draft ordinance regarding fireworks displays, as a discussion point on the issue. This initial ordinance restricts the use of commercial fireworks in the Township to the preceding day, day of, and day after a national holiday. ~~It was suggested a letter supporting the banning of all fireworks be sent to Senator Howard Walker by the township board.~~ **A citizen asked that a resolution be passed in support of Senator Glen Anderson's bill that proposes to reverse the bill that allowed the expanded use of fireworks and that the resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House and to the Senate Majority Leader.** Reck stated he'd check with the township attorney on the ordinance legality. During the comment period, Trustee Wood stated the Fire Danger sign (Smokey the Bear sign) had been vandalized.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2013 – 2016: No discussion occurred.
- c. The shingle color (Black) was chosen for the roof of the Community Center.

New Business:

- a. Emmet County Township Association meeting was announced for October 22, 2014. It will be held in Cross Village at the Community Center, Wednesday at 7 pm.
- b. Scenic View Preservation Ordinance: Supervisor Reck presented a draft ordinance regarding placement of new buildings in an effort to preserve scenic views for existing homeowners along our shoreline. The ordinance would restrict the placement of new construction to an imaginary line connecting adjacent buildings at the lake side, preventing a newly erected building from encroaching so far as to block the view from the existing home. Supervisor Reck will send his initial ordinance language to the township attorney for advising.
- c. Case # 27-C-10: Craig Rapin requests removal of two conditions on his 2011 Special Use (Wind Energy System). The county asks for township perspective in writing on the matter. It was decided not to support dismissal of the conditions at this time.
- d. Fireworks: See above, in Public Comment section.
- e. Building height: Trustee Wood expressed concern about the height of the new construction on Main Street.
- f. Fire Department/Board: Howard Wood spoke about the Fire Board, introducing Lynn Ribits as new President of the Fire Board. He expressed concerns regarding personnel conflicts, and a desire for “more accountability of the fireboard”.

Second Public Comment: More citizens expressed support for the proposed Scenic View ordinance, citing preservation of critical dunes as an added benefit to such an ordinance.

Discussion occurred regarding the proposed sidewalk project along Brady Street. The supervisor will contact/mail landowners in an effort to facilitate the project. Some discussion was held over the possible existence of a right-of-way on the east side of the street.

George Smolak announced the Annual Firefighters Appreciation Dinner at Legs Inn, to be held September 3, 2014.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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