

## **Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 09-02-2014

**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:**

Gene Reck made a motion to approve the agenda. Howard Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the agenda was approved.

**Minutes (August 2014):**

Gene Reck moved to amend the August minutes to correct what was said during public comment. Howard Wood moved to approve the amended August minutes. Gene Reck seconded. All were in favor and the amended August minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:**

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

**Total Bills Paid (August):** \$25,556.13

**Payment of Bills:**

Gene Reck made a motion to approve payment of bills (\$5,711.42). Lynn Ribits seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Announcements/Correspondence:** Correspondence regarding the ongoing Brady Street sidewalks project was presented. Supervisor Reck stated he'll continue to pursue information regarding easements from property owners and/or the existence of a right-of-way.

Correspondence from the DEQ regarding an application for a zoning variance on Sturgeon Bay Drive was presented; anyone interested may request a copy from a board member.

**Public Comments:** A citizen asked about any progress on the Brady Street sidewalk project, and Supervisor Reck advised that he is still pursuing the matter, but that nothing is so far resolved.

Sidewalk protection during snowplowing was addressed by a member of the public. Reck noted the township will purchase visibility warning stakes to be used for the winter season.

**Committee Reports:** Formation of committees for both the township Master Plan, and Recreation Plan is being requested. Sign-up sheets for citizens interested in being a part of the process by serving on these important committees are encouraged to put their name on the list.

Some important elements of township governance are dependent upon an up-to-date Master Plan and Recreation Plan, including some grants.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discussion of Board Procedures: No discussion occurred
- b. Forward Planning for 2013 – 2016: No discussion occurred.
- c. Emmet County Township Association will meet at the Cross Village Community Center on October 22, 2014 at 7 pm.
- d. Scenic View Preservation Ordinance: Discussion on this potential ordinance was held. Reck stated due to information he's learned, and the opinions of Brian Gutowski and Tammy Doernenburg, it isn't feasible for the township to promulgate this ordinance. However, he feels it is worthwhile to send the ordinance to the county level, along with township support, requesting the county adopt such an ordinance.
- e. Case #27c-10 Craig Rapin Wind Energy System request: Discussion over Mr. Rapin's request to remove 2 conditions on his special use permit occurred. After discussion, along with some public comment, the board decided not to support removal of those conditions at this time. Lynn Ribits made a formal motion not to support the removal; Donna Wood seconded the motion: Ayes – 4; Nays – 1. The motion was approved.

**New Business:**

- a. Fireworks Ordinance: After discussion, no action was taken on the matter.
- b. Bonding requirements: Board Officers are bonded by Municipal Underwriters of Michigan's PAR Plan insurance policy.
- c. Moratorium on new building in Cross Village Shores: The Supervisor researched the possibility of such a moratorium, and found it was not advisable for the township to institute such a moratorium. No action was taken.

**Second Public Comment:** A citizen asked for a copy of the abovementioned DEQ letter. The Clerk stated he'd make copies for anyone requesting one.

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

A citizen expressed hope the township wouldn't "give up" on the Scenic View ordinance, suggesting it would be beneficial to bring this and other such matters to the County's attention. Reck stated he'd send our ordinance to the County and recommend they adopt it.

Several citizens commented on the Master Plan and Recreation Plan committees, with a number stating they're interested in serving. The township offers thanks.

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

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**John F. Keller, Cross Village Township Clerk**

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