

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 04-07-2026

Present: Supervisor Stephen Keller, Treasurer Marie Garrett, Trustee Howard Wood, Trustee Barb Jania, Clerk John Keller

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Cross Village Board was called to order by Steve Keller at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present at the Election Commission Meeting just prior to the regular meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Keller moved to amend the agenda, adding item 5. Wycamp Lake and item 6. Ramp, to Unfinished Business, and adding item 1. Auditor Contract to New Business. Supervisor moved to accept the amended agenda. Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (March 3, 2026): Steve Keller moved to approve the March 2026 regular meeting minutes. Clerk Keller seconded. All were in favor and the March 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Reports: The Clerk's and Treasurer's reports were presented. Total bills paid: \$14,327.69

Payment of Bills: Steve Keller moved to pay bills totaling \$2299.23. Howard Wood seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence/Announcements: None

Public Comments: A citizen noted the tote from the Town Hall should be put out soon.

Committee Reports:

- Paul Bianchi gave an update on the status of the Veteran's Park project. The next meeting is Thursday April 9th, 2026 at 7 pm at the Cross Village Community Center. He noted that it's not cost-effective to apply for 501.c status due to the relatively short duration of the project, estimated at 2 years completion. A citizen asked whether donations will be tax-deductible, and the Treasurer said yes, they would be. Discussion of a line-item in the Township ledger to track revenues and expenses related to the Veteran's Park project will be added. Discussion of some restrictions being possible on some grant opportunities, and it was suggested to check with Pellston on their experience with their Veteran's Park.
- Linda Rosalik said there'd been no February meeting of the Planning Commission due to lack of a quorum. The next meeting date and time hasn't yet been decided. There will be a Leadership Forum hosted by Harbor, Inc at Nub's Nob April 16, 2026 regarding MSU grant funding. It is necessary to RSVP to attend.

Unfinished Business:

1. Memorial Plaque Policy: A discussion regarding policy on memorial plaques in Cross Village was held. The initial idea is for anyone interested in funding a bench with a plaque would be responsible for the cost to purchase the bench and plaque, and for installation.
2. SLFRF round 2 Projects: The Supervisor announced that Trustee Jania received quotes on the installation for the extractor and dryer for the Fire Hall. The Electrical is at a cost of \$1300.00 or less, and the plumbing is \$1960.00. Supervisor Keller moved to accept both proposals; John Keller seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed.
3. Bathrooms M-119: Discussion occurred on bathroom facilities for the township. Mr.

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Robert Jameson, a member of the Cross Village Business Owners Authority, mentioned the need for facilities, and that being a state highway, M119 may qualify for State funds. Steve Keller mentioned the property where Veteran's Park will be is too small for a septic and well. If adjacent property were acquired it would be big enough. Barb Jania noted she's been told the State is not doing bathrooms along State highways at this time. An alternate site on the southeast corner of the township property where the cross sits was suggested. Steve Keller said the cost would likely be \$100,000 to \$150,000 for such a project. It was noted that grants for such a project would be needed and are likely available. Clerk Keller moved to explore a bathroom facility located at the cross property; Howard Wood seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Veteran's Memorial: Steve Keller moved to install electric service to the park property; John Keller seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
5. Wycamp Lake: Mr. Robert Elkins spoke about putting a rustic campground on his property along Wycamp Creek west of the Beaver Dam property. He hasn't detailed plans yet, as he wants to know if it's feasible. He owns 7 acres and after contacting Tammy Doernenberg at Emmet County Planning and Zoning he found a campground requires 10 acres for approval. His preliminary plans would include a bathroom facility at the campground, and a central fire-pit area, along with campsites, with no power supplies or water hookups. The property isn't currently zoned to allow a campground. Supervisor Keller advised him to contact the County again and ask for a variance. The County will contact the Township for a letter either supporting or opposing a variance. He believes the County would grant such a variance, and he would likely support it. Clerk Keller noted he'd be inclined to support such a variance. Trustee Barb Jania would like more concrete plans before she opposes or supports such a variance.
6. Ramp: Discussion of tire replacement and repairs to the ramp was held. Trustee Wood said he'll call John Kruzel (Cross Village Excavating) about getting the tires off the ramp for replacement. Supervisor noted he'd like to have the ramp moved to the west to reduce congestion at the port/park.

New Business:

1. Auditor Contract: After discussion it was decided to accept the contract with Shulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC for the 2025-26 audit of the township at a cost not to exceed \$4575.00. Steve Keller moved to accept; Howard Wood seconded; all were in favor.

Second Public Comment: Timeline for construction of the bathroom remodel was requested and the Supervisor stated it would likely commence this month and take 4-6 weeks to complete.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

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