

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 05-12-2026

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

Absent: Trustee Barb Jania,

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Cross Village Board was called to order by Steve Keller at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Wood moved to amend the agenda, adding item 5. Flag at Fire Hall. Supervisor moved to accept the amended agenda. Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (April 7, 2026): Steve Keller moved to approve the April 2026 regular meeting minutes. Wood seconded. All were in favor and the April 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved. Steve Keller moved to approve the April Election Commission meeting minutes. Clerk Keller seconded. All were in favor and the Election Commission minutes were approved.

Financial Reports: The Clerk's and Treasurer's reports were presented. Total bills paid: \$7483.18. Treasurer Garrett mentioned a State of Michigan grant received for public safety of 'just over \$400', with a stipulation that at least 75% of the grant must be directly for public safety projects.

Payment of Bills: Steve Keller moved to pay bills totaling \$3537.14. Marie Garrett seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence/Announcements: Steve Keller thanked Stanley Krupa for his many years of service to the township. Mr. Krupa has retired.

1. The ramp/launch has been repaired and new tires installed. Thanks to Diana Keller for working with the Sault and Little Traverse tribes, and thanks to both tribes. The ramp is installed for the season.
2. The special election held May 5 went smoothly. The proposal passed in Cross Village and overall. Cross Village had 61 total votes cast, with 35 as absent voter ballots.
3. Plumbing and electrical installations are complete at the fire hall for the extractor and a dryer to clean the firefighter's structural PPE (Personal Protective Ensemble).

Public Comments: Robert Elkins said he'd spoken with the Emmet County Planning and Zoning regarding a variance request for his property along Wycamp Rd, to allow for a campground. He stated he's reconsidering whether to go ahead based on their comments, and felt intimidated and concerned. Supervisor Keller stated he will call Tammy Doernenberg of P&Z and ask for a meeting with her, himself, and Mr. Elkins to discuss the matter.

Committee Reports:

- Linda Rosalik said the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Monday May 18, at the Community Center from 4-8 pm. MSU extension will be facilitating.
- Paul Bianchi gave an update on the status of the Veteran's Park project. The next meeting is Thursday May 14, 2026 at 7 pm at the Cross Village Community Center. He said they'd walked through the site, laid out the park, and located the survey markers. The actual size of the park according to the survey was found to be 95'x66' rather than 86'x66' as previously believed. Fundraising will kick off by the end of May. A GoFundMe is being set up with the township as the beneficiary of donated funds. Supervisor Keller noted electric service will be installed in July on a stanchion near the pole by Pierce Electric. Clerk Keller noted that line items to handle revenues and

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expenditures for the Veteran's Park have been added to the general ledger.

- **Unfinished Business:**

1. Fire Hall - Dryer: Steve Keller moved to spend up to \$800.00 to purchase and install a dryer at the fire hall. John Keller seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. Ramp – Fire Department Connection; Steve Keller moved to allow RFC Fire & Rescue to install a pipe and connections to the ramp so fire engines can fill their tanks. Howard Wood seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
3. Bathrooms M-119: Discussion occurred regarding a traffic study for N Lake Shore Drive in the township, as a possible help in obtaining funding for bathrooms. Because of the damage to M119, the suggestion of waiting until 2027 was offered. It was noted that a requirement for State funding is having a site selected. Discussion of location occurred, with a citizen mentioning that the owners of vacant property in the village might be willing to donate if approached.

New Business:

1. Maintenance position/bids: Two people expressed interest in taking over the responsibilities previously held by Stanley Krupa. Tommy Harrington and Pat Keller each bid \$100/month, the same amount as Mr. Krupa was charging. After some discussion John Keller moved to accept the bid from Patrick Keller. Howard Wood seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

2. 2026 Tax Rate Request – Steve Keller moved to file the request at the maximum allowable rate (0.977) for both allocations. Wood seconded. All were in favor. The form was signed by Supervisor and Clerk.

3. Dust Control Bid: After discussion Marie Garrett moved to accept the bid at \$0.90/gallon using 38% calcium chloride solution. Steve Keller seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Flag at Fire Hall: Howard Wood moved to hire someone to replace the flag and flagpole rope at the fire hall. Steve Keller seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Second Public Comment: None

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

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