

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 06-2-2026

Present: Supervisor Stephen Keller, Treasurer Marie Garrett, Trustee Howard Wood, Clerk John Keller, 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: Supervisor moved to accept the agenda. Wood seconded it. All were in favor and the agenda was approved.

Minutes (May 12, 2026): Steve Keller moved to approve the May 2026 regular meeting minutes. John Keller seconded. All were in favor and the May 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Trustee Jania asked about Bob Elkins' plans for a campground. Supervisor noted he'd set up a meeting with Planning and Zoning, but Mr. Elkins isn't sure whether he will go ahead with the campground. No meeting was held.

Financial Reports: The Clerk's and Treasurer's reports were presented. Total bills paid: \$8627.58

Payment of Bills: Clerk Keller moved to pay bills totaling \$4705.01. Supervisor seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence/Announcements:

1. Steve Keller mentioned that although the township doesn't own the property upon which The Village Mart is built, the township did sell the property to the original owners with a stipulation that it would always be used for a gas station/store.
2. Supervisor noted flag pole rope has been ordered.

Public Comments: Paul Bianchi presented information and a poster board on the Veteran's Memorial Park. More information will be available once the committee establishes a social media presence.

Committee Reports:

- Linda Rosalik said the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Monday June 16, at the Community Center at 9am. The May meeting with MSU Extension gathered 'good input' from the community. MSU will do a report and help integrate the information into the Master Plan. Ms. Rosalik said the plan should be final by July of this year.

Unfinished Business:

1. Memorial Plaque Policy: No discussion.
2. SLRF Round 2 Projects: Discussion on placement of benches, tables, and bike racks occurred. Benches and tables will be placed at the Historic Cross Park, and the Community Center Park, and bike racks will be placed in there as well, and at Veteran's Memorial Park.
3. Bathrooms M-119: Discussion of placement and number of portable toilets for the season was held, and it was decided to place 2 in the parking lot across from the old town hall. One will be ADA compliant. John Keller moved to do so. Steve Keller seconded. All were in favor.
4. Wycamp: Supervisor asked whether the township should consider using the area as a picnic site, and if the DNR will allow for the township to install a picnic table and benches.

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5. Flags: The rope has been ordered and will be in Friday.
6. Veterans Memorial: See above under Public Comment.

New Business:

1. Independence Day: The Independence Day celebration/parade in Cross Village will be July 5, 2026. The parade begins at 1PM. George Smolak will be Grand Marshall. The Veterans Park committee will be selling hotdogs to raise funds for the park, with George and Chris Smolak providing the hotdogs.

Second Public Comment: George and Chris Smolak mentioned a 'nice news report' regarding Legs Inn and the removal and future reinstallation of the historic stove legs along the parapet wall. They expressed hope the news piece will bring positive attention to the area. George Smolak also commented he's never seen the township cemetery look so nice. Paul Bianchi asked who owned the Oak Drive cemetery and was informed it belongs to the Catholic Church.

Diana Keller will assume the duties of managing the Reading Room at the Community Center. There was comment on the staff member at Planning and Zoning regarding Bob Elkins' experience there.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

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