

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 7-7-2026

Present: Supervisor Stephen Keller, Treasurer Marie Garrett, Clerk John Keller

Absent: Trustee Howard Wood, Trustee Barb Jania

Call to Order: The Election Commission 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.

Public Comment: None

Appointment of Election Inspectors: John Keller moved to appoint election inspectors for Early Voting and Election Day voting, August Primary Election:

Linda Rosalik (D) Chair

Peter Wagner (R) Election Inspector

Torie Larabell (D) Election Inspector

Diana Keller (D) Election Inspector

Steve Keller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting: Steve Keller adjourned the Election Commission meeting and called to order the Regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Agenda: Steve Keller moved to amend the agenda, adding under New Business: Cleanup. Supervisor Keller moved to accept the amended agenda. Treasurer seconded it. All were in favor and the amended agenda was approved.

Minutes (June 2026): Steve Keller moved to approve the June 2026 regular meeting minutes. Treasurer Garrett seconded. All were in favor and the June 2026 minutes were approved.

Financial Report: The Clerk's and Treasurer's reports were presented.

Total Bills Paid (June 2026): \$10821.03

Payment of Bills: Steve Keller moved to pay bills totaling \$12376.76. John Keller seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence/Announcements:

- Supervisor Keller noted the Emmet County Townships Association picnic is soon. It's open to any board members who wish to attend.

Public Comments:

- Rose Silvey asked if any progress has happened on replacement of the totem pole. She said she has a yellow birch pole that could be used. Supervisor said he'd contact Stan Eby about it. She said the signs at both ends of the village are peeling and hard to read. Treasurer stated Cross Village Community Services takes care of them. Debbie Hindle suggested the possibility of adding text in Anishinaabemowin language. Rose said Pat Keller is doing a good job with cleanup around the township. Supervisor stated he'd look at ordering some recycle bins to collect returnable bottles, replacing the laundry baskets currently being used.
- Debbie Hindle said the Good Hart Artist's Residency will hold an event July 19th from 2-4 pm at her property on Lookout Drive.
- It was noted that animals are able to get under the old Town Hall and the foundation needs repaired to prevent this. Supervisor will talk to contractor about it.

Committee Reports: Paul Bianchi said the Veterans Park tri-fold pamphlet was completed, including information on a GoFundMe account, which is now 'live'. He noted a diagram of the park was added. A Facebook page is also set up: Friends of Cross Village Veterans Memorial Park.

Linda Rosalik said the next Planning Commission meeting is July 20th at 1 pm at the Community Center. She suggested Torie Larabell as a replacement for Julie Miller, who stepped down. Steve Keller moved to accept the appointment; John Keller seconded. All were in favor and Ms. Larabell was appointed.

Unfinished Business:

- a. SLFRF Round 2 Projects: Supervisor said builders were to begin on Wednesday July 8, shutting off water to the CVCC bathrooms and placing a temporary portable toilet. He stated picnic tables were to be ordered 'tonight'.
- b. Bathrooms M-119: No discussion occurred. Joan Young mentioned that people had been using the church's portable toilet without permission, and left it very dirty. It will be locked in future, and is not a public restroom.

New Business:

- a. Cleanup: After discussion it was decided not to renew the vouchers until more consideration. Supervisor suggested a pause for 1 month to consider options and a possible policy if we did renew the vouchers.

Second Public Comment:

- Debbie Hindle spoke about being aware of the butterfly population in our area.
- Paul Bianchi said he'd attended the Heritage Highway meeting recently, and was told there is a lot of support for the Veterans Park project. The flagpole is up at the Park. Working together, Cross Village Community Services and Veterans Park committee sold 480 hotdogs at the Independence Day parade, with the funds going to support the Veterans Park. The next meeting of the committee is July 9th at 7 pm in the Community Center.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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