

Cross Village Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 8-11-2026

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

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Cross Village Board was called to order by Steve Keller at 7:01 p.m.

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

Agenda: Howard Wood moved to accept the agenda. Supervisor Keller seconded. All were in favor and the agenda was approved.

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

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

Total Bills Paid (June 2026): \$35923.67

Payment of Bills: John Keller moved to pay bills totaling \$8928.03. Trustee Barb Jania seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence/Announcements:

- John Keller gave a brief election report: of 279 registered voters 138 voted, 82 in person, 49 by Absent Voter, and 6 during the nine days of Early Voting. That's a 49.5% turnout. County wide turnout was 35.71%. 60 Absent Voter ballots were issued; 49 were returned. This is 81.6% return rate. Complete results are available at <https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/MI/Emmet/126948/web.345435/#/summary>
- Stan Eby has agreed to make a new totem pole.
- Patrick Keller will look at filling in the opening in the Town Hall foundation.

Public Comments:

- Rose Silvey asked about the park equipment, and when it might be installed.
- Debbie Hindle expressed concern regarding poisonous hemlock growing on property across from the Town Hall. She noted also that Emmet County will have a native plant sale upcoming.
- Linda Rosalik said a potluck will be held by Cross Village Community Services at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall on Wednesday August 12, 2026. She further mentioned the Legs Inn benefit dinner next month on September 9, to support RFC Fire & Rescue.

Committee Reports: Paul Bianchi said the hot dog sale at the parade raised \$1664.00 for the Veteran's Park through a cooperative effort with Cross Village Community Services. He noted 20 bricks have been sold thus far. He mentioned the committee's presence at the Farmers'

Market, where they distributed materials relating to the park. He said the Facebook program has generated \$850 in donations, and asked about electric service at the park. Supervisor said he will call with a goal of having service installed in August.

Linda Rosalik said the next Planning Commission meeting is Monday August 17^h at 1 pm at the Community Center.

Unfinished Business:

- a. SLFRF Round 2 Projects: Picnic furniture is in and needs to be assembled and installed. Locations were discussed and selections made. 2 benches will go to the Cross lot, 1 to the Community Center park, and 2 to the Port/Park area. 2 picnic tables will be installed at the Community Center park. 1 bike rack will be installed at the Community Center, the Cross park, and the Veteran's Park sites.
- b. Bathrooms M-119: The possibility of upgrading the vault toilet at the Port Park was discussed. Information gathering is ongoing. Special equipment and fixtures are available to convert a vault toilet to a flushable toilet that utilizes the existing vault. More information will be sought on the idea, along with upgrading the facility to include a changing room and shower.

New Business:

- a. Totem Pole – Stan Eby has said he will craft a totem pole. Costs will be determined beforehand.
- b. Welcome Signs – The welcome signs are in need of a paint touch-up. As the signs aren't township owned (Cross Village Community Services owns them), this issue is tabled.
- c. Memorial Request – A request regarding placing a plaque on one of the boulders at the Port Park was discussed, and the need for a policy on memorials. A policy will be forthcoming.

Second Public Comment:

- Debbie Hindle mentioned the flag near the post office on State Road is tattered.
- Norma Keller asked if picnic tables were missing from the Port pavilion. Supervisor said there were three, and one is missing.
- A citizen asked about the bathroom signs, and Supervisor asked whether the road commission could install them. Wood said yes, they would. Road Commission will be contacted.

Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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