

Crystal Falls Township Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026

A regular monthly meeting was held on January 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Board member Joanne Seppala was absent. All other board members were present. There were 4 public attendees. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from December 9, 2025 and the special meeting minutes from January 7, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed report submitted by Director Evelyn Gathu for the Crystal Falls District Community Library.

Reviewed ICECA report provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala. Brett Smithson was present from ICECA. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to accept the reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Reviewed the Foreman's report for the month of December. Board acknowledged Foreman Bucek, Public Work employees Joe Brozak and Hal Hoenig, and GEI Consultant Robb Anderson for their successful efforts overcoming multiple challenges in difficult conditions the last couple of months.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of December.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of December.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of December.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Reviewed the Code Compliance Officer's report for the month of December. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

GEI REPORT: Robb Anderson was present to review report submitted regarding DNR Heritage Trail Extension Project, TMF Lead Service Grant, Memory Lane Water and M-141 Crossings, Other Potential Watermain Replacement Work as discussed last month, and Lind Well Generator. Reviewed the Performance Resolution for Municipalities from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to adopt the Performance Resolution for Municipalities from MDOT. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

GUIDESTAR: Supervisor Stebic will be contacting GuideStar regarding continued issues with security system.

AUDITOR ADVERTISEMENT: Proposals are due January 14, 2026.

457(B) PLAN: Reviewed Summary of Changes to 457(B) Plan. Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve Formal Record of Action and Amendment to the 457(B) Plan. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

WEBSITE ADA COMPLIANCE: Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to request proposal from North Country Website Design for ADA Compliance updates. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE: A tentative date has been set for the annual budget workshop of January 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPARED/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$72,117.32, the Monthly's for \$76,965.18, and the EFT's for \$1,088.25 with a total of \$150,170.75. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Randy Bucek commented on security system quality. Bruce Beilfuss commented on technology regarding security systems and had a question regarding the focus of the special meeting on January 7, 2026.

BOARD MEMBER'S PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Stebic addressed the quote on water meters from Core & Main and computer programs for water system.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.