

Crystal Falls Township Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

A regular monthly meeting was held on February 10, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 6 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from January 13, 2026 and the Budget Workshop meeting minutes from January 28, 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. Zach Hautala was present from ICECA. Motion by Seppala, 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 January.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of January. Tom Bucek was present from the Fire Department.

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

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

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Reviewed the Code Compliance Officer's report for the month of January.

Motion by Seppala, 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, and Other Potential Watermain Replacement Work as discussed last month.

GUIDESTAR: Supervisor Stebic will continue working with GuideStar to ensure installation is up to code and provide access to Township.

AUDITOR: Accountant Kenney is reviewing bids received.

SALARY RESOLUTIONS: The salaries were based on Consumer Price Index with an increase of 2.7%. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to increase wage for Supervisor to \$32,990.48. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Ketola, Niemi, Seppala. Nays: None. Abstain: Stebic. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Clerk to \$35,965.54. Roll call taken. Ayes: Ketola, Stebic, Kut, Seppala. Nays: None. Abstain: Niemi. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Treasurer to \$33,962.51. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Stebic, Seppala, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Ketola. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Trustee Kut to \$5,304.35. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Stebic, Seppala, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Kut. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to increase wage for Trustee Seppala to \$5,304.35. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Niemi, Stebic, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Seppala. Motion carried.

DATE FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to set Budget Public Hearing date for March 10, 2026 at 2pm with regular monthly meeting to follow. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP – PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE: Reviewed Principles of Governance provided by Michigan Township Association. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to adopt the Principles of Governance. All ayes. Motion carried.

SPRING CLEAN-UP PARTICIPANTS: Discussion held on request from John Bendick to pick up metal and electronic recycling at Spring Clean-Up this year.

UPSET DONATION: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve \$1000 donation to UPSET for fiscal year 2026-2027. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$4,093.75, the Monthly's for \$28,493.72, and the EFT's for \$871.65 with a total of \$33,459.12. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

BOARD MEMBER'S PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut requested to contact North Country Website Design regarding ADA compliance questions and client waiting list.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.