

Crystal Falls Township Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

A regular monthly meeting was held on April 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Board member Diane Kut was absent. All other board members were present. There were 11 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the Budget Public Hearing minutes from March 10, 2026 and the regular monthly meeting minutes from March 10, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed report provided by the Crystal Falls District Community Library for February and March.

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Reviewed the Foreman's report for the month of March.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of March. Tom Bucek and Alex Bossenberger were present from the Fire Department. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve Kristin Underhill as a member of the Crystal Falls Volunteer Fire Department. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Reviewed the Code Compliance officer's reports provided for the months of February and March.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

GEI: Robb Anderson was present to review report submitted regarding DNR Heritage Trail Extension Project, 2026 Water System Improvements, Gary Peters Appropriations Grant, and TMF Lead Service Grant. Discussion held.

GUIDESTAR: Supervisor Stebic updated on progress of security system.

UPCOMING RUNKLE LAKE MILFOIL TREATMENT: Reviewed letter from Runkle Lake Association. Discussion held.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SKID UNIT INSTALLATION: Fire Department representatives informed that the unit was installed. More leaves will be added to springs.

CDL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT: Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the CDL Reimbursement Agreement drafted by Attorney Tinti. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to direct Attorney Tinti to draft an agreement for other certifications. All ayes. Motion carried.

LAKES AND STREAMS PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP: Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to continue membership with Iron County Lakes and Streams. All ayes. Motion carried.

SPRING CLEANUP – MAY 9: Spring Cleanup will occur on May 9, 2026 from 8-11:30am.

GARY PETERS GRANT PROPOSAL: Robb from GEI proposed approximately 40 service lines to be considered. Crystal Falls Township appreciates the letters of support received from City of Crystal Falls, Iron County Chamber of Commerce, and Hematite Township.

WEBSITE DESIGN: Board members will review design and relay information to North Country Website Design.

FOREST PARK REQUEST FOR GRADUATION PARTY DONATION: Discussion held. The Board has confirmed this is not within the Township's policy and will decline.

PUBLIC WORKS REPLACEMENT COMPUTER: Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve purchase of computer from Lee In IT for Public Works Department in the amount of \$1,261.24. 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 \$87,020.12, the Monthly's for \$36,255.50, and the EFT's for \$1,017.80 with a total of \$124,293.42. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Todd Wloszczynski commented that clean-up is resuming on Lind Road. Robert Wloszczynski commented regarding clean-up on Lind Road.

BOARD MEMBER'S PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Stebic stated that the City of Crystal Falls is updating their Master Plan and is available on the City of Crystal Falls' website.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.