

## CHAPTER 5

### COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND TRANSPORTATION

#### Water and Sewage Disposal Systems

Cross Village Township does not have a public drinking water system or a public sewer disposal system. However, most of the Township residents have on-site private wells for domestic drinking water and individual septic systems. All private drinking water wells and septic systems are regulated by the Emmet County Health Department.

Two important determinants for siting a septic system are soil suitability and depth to bedrock. Chapter Three – Natural Resources discusses the geology and soils of the Township.

#### Solid Waste

Residents of Cross Village Township have several options for the disposal of solid waste. Walloon Lake Refuse Services is the only private hauler currently offering residential weekly curbside trash pick-up, although this service is not available in all portions of the Township. Residents also have the option to take their own waste to the Emmet County Transfer Station. The waste is compacted at the Transfer Station and hauled to a landfill in Presque Isle County.

The County operates ten Recycling Drop-off Sites, located at supermarkets and other locations along major routes. There are three drop-off sites located in the northern part of the County and in reasonably close proximity to Cross Village Township. They are as follows: Bliss Township Site (on Pleasantview, just south of Gill Road), the Readmond Township Site (located at the Township Hall on Wormwood west of state road), and the Robinson Road Site (on Robinson Road where Pleasantview jogs). These sites in northern Emmet County have bins for newspaper, plastic, cans and glass. The Emmet County Recycling Center, located at the Transfer Station, also accepts scrap metal, textiles, shoes, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, and waste oil.

Emmet County Department of Public Works will be piloting a self-serve garbage compactor (with a per bag fee) during summer 2004 at the Transfer Station. If it works well, additional compactors may be located in the northern portion of the County to provide service to the outlying portions of the County.

Additionally, the County provides four Household Chemical Drop-off Days each year. Residents may drop off chemicals from their homes at no charge at these events. Electronics are accepted for recycling at these events for a small per-pound fee. These services are offered by appointment only.

In 1991 Emmet County adopted a solid waste ordinance. Cross Village Township signed on to the ordinance, thereby granting the County the authority to enforce the ordinance within the Township. This ordinance requires that:

- all waste haulers be licensed by the County,
- rates charged for waste hauling and disposal be volume based--an incentive to reduce

- waste and recycle--and waste collected within the township (and other participating townships and municipalities) to be disposed of at the Emmet County Transfer Station<sup>1</sup>.

Revenues from tip fees at the Emmet County Transfer Station help support Emmet County Recycling and fully fund the Household Chemical Drop-off events.

In the process of implementing the second phase of its Solid Waste Plan<sup>2</sup>, Emmet County will be offering additional service options to Cross Village Township. These will include:

1. A drop-off site for **recycling of construction and demolition debris** (exact items have yet to be determined, but examples include waste wood, concrete rubble/bricks, dry wall, and shingles) at the Recycling Center.
2. A **yard waste composting** facility: Emmet County will be offering a site for drop off of leaves, grass, and brush for composting.

### **Other Public Utilities**

Cross Village Township residents receive electric service from Great Lakes Energy. Natural gas is not available in the Township. Residents choose from several providers of local and long distance phone service. Cable service is not currently available in the Township.

### **Police, Fire, Ambulance**

The Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet (CCE) Central Dispatch Authority communications agency provides emergency call receipt and dispatch service for Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan Counties. Enhanced-911 telephone service, computer-aided dispatch and a multi-channel radio system are in place. The CCE Central Dispatch Authority is currently working with the telecommunication companies in the area to be able to identify which tower is transmitting a call made on a cellular phone, thus providing a generalized location from which a call was placed. Ultimately CCE Central Dispatch Authority will be implementing a system which will identify the actual location from which a cellular phone call is made.

The Emmet County Sheriff and Michigan State Police provide law enforcement services to Cross Village Township. Fire protection is provided through the North Emmet Emergency Services Authority (NEESA) which contracts with the Readmond/Friendship/Cross Village Fire Department, to respond from multiple locations, including a new fire hall (2003) located on Oak Street in Cross Village Township. Due to the addition of the new fire hall, the emergency response time for fire fighters is much quicker. Some of the fire fighters are also certified as Medical First Respondents (MFR). The role of the MFR is critical, due to the distance between Cross Village and Harbor Springs, which causes some long response times for the local ambulance service. The Medical First Responders typically are on the scene quickly and can

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<sup>1</sup> Construction and demolition debris are excluded from this requirement.

<sup>2</sup>The solid waste management plan is a county document required by State law which must have approval from at least 2/3 of all local municipalities and townships.

have the patient status assessed prior to arrival of advanced life support staff and the ambulance.

Advance life support (ALS) ambulance service is provided by Allied EMS Systems, Inc. Allied EMS has three stations, the closest is located in Harbor Springs, another station is located adjacent to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, and a third on M-119 between the two primary stations. The two primary stations are each staffed by a two person crew, with at least one member of each crew being licensed as a paramedic (Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic), and the second member licensed as a Emergency Medical Technician at the Basic level, the Specialist level or at the Paramedic level.

## **Recreation**

The recreation opportunities in the Township consist primarily of water-related activities (boating, fishing, swimming, etc) and trails for hiking, skiing, snow-shoeing, biking, as well as some trails for snowmobiling. The township port/park on Lake Michigan provides a public access site which is well utilized in the summer. Plans to improve the port/park facilities are being prepared for public hearing and the permitting review process (September 2004).

Adjacent to the Community Center there are limited recreation facilities including a basketball court, picnic table, and playground equipment including swings, a slide, and monkey bars. Additional information regarding recreational facilities is available in the Township Recreation Plan dated January 2001.

Walking Trails are available at the Township property at Oak Street.

The state-owned property surrounding the western portion of Wycamp Lake provides lake access, as well as trails in this area.

## **Municipal Facilities**

The Cross Village School was established in the 1890s. The School was converted to a community center in the 1990s and is currently used for Township public meetings, Township office space, and is also utilized by the Cross Village Community Services Organization. The Town Hall was built in 1850s and moved to Wadsworth Avenue as Father Weikamp's Convent School. The facility is currently being leased by the Little Traverse Historical Society for a Heritage Center Museum.

## **Schools and Libraries**

Cross Village Township residents are served by the Harbor Springs School District, which operates an elementary school, a middle school, and a high school all located in the City of Harbor Springs.

Post high school education is available locally at North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey and with some classes available in Cheboygan. NCMC offers two-year associate's degrees and some one-year certificate programs. Additionally, some Bachelor's and Master's degree programs are offered through agreements with other Michigan universities.

Cross Village Township does not have a library located within the Township, however residents have access to library facilities in Petoskey. The Township pays an annual fee based on the number of residents that use the library. The Cross Village Township Community Center also provides a reading room for use by local residents.

### **Private, Civic, and Fraternal Organizations**

Typically there are many private, civic, and fraternal organizations in which Cross Village Township residents are involved that are not specifically affiliated with the Township. The organizations either located in Cross Village Township or quite active in the Township include the following:

- Little Traverse Historical Society
- Emmet County Lakeshore Association
- Cross Village Community Services
- Lakeshore Study Club
- Cross Village Yacht Club
- M-119 Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route Committee
- Harbor Area Regional Board of Resources (H.A.R.B.O.R.) Inc.

Other organizations are typically regional organizations, which have a larger membership and service area than the Township. A listing of such organizations is available from the Regional Chamber of Commerce. Many township residents participate in the organizations available throughout the region.

### **Churches and Cemeteries**

The two churches located in Cross Village Township are Holy Cross Catholic Church located on North Lake Shore and The Red Path Memorial Presbyterian Mission located at the corner of Stone Church Road and North Lake Shore Drive.

The Cemeteries in the area include: a Township Cemetery on Levering Road, a Catholic Cemetery on Levering Road, Father Weikamp's Church Cemetery and an Indian Cemetery on Oak Drive.

### **Transportation and Road Maintenance**

Public roads within the Township are categorized as follows:

State Route	approximately 2.5 miles in length
County Primary Hardtop	approximately 8.66 miles in length
Local Hardtop	approximately 9.45 miles in length
Local Gravel	approximately 9.23 miles in length (including seasonal)
Seasonal Roads	approximately 7.09 miles in length

The Emmet County Road Commission is responsible for road maintenance and snow removal services on all public non-seasonal roads within the Township.

State Highway M-119 is designated as the M-119 Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route. This route meanders north and terminates in Cross Village Township. County Roads C-77 (State Road) and C-66 (Levering Road) are the only County Roads in the Township.

The Straits Area Regional Ride provides an on-call dial-a ride bus service within a multi-county area including the counties of Cheboygan, Emmet, Presque Isle, and Otsego. Commercial passenger air service, as well as air cargo service is available at the Pellston Regional Airport.

Additional public or semi-public transportation is provided by the Friendship Center and a van operated by Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.