

Crestwood Village IV

Special Meeting

Village IV Clubhouse

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Meeting convened 6 PM by Donna Golding, President.

Frank Skettini, Vice President made a Motion to not read the Minutes from the last meeting. Motion was seconded by Carol LaBerta and carried by the Board.

Introduction of Mike, Sergeant-of-Arms, to maintain tolerance and civility during meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for special intentions followed by roll call of Trustees by Kathy Roe, Secretary:

Board Present:

Donna Golding – President

Frank Skettini-Vice President

Janet Barnosky-Treasurer

Kathy Roe-Secretary

Carol LaBerta-Trustee

Karen Reuther-Trustee

Roger Printz-Trustee

Note: Roger Printz was sworn in as a Trustee to replace Dennis Costello, former Trustee.

Donna Golding announced that the Agenda as mailed to residents and on Website will be followed and all questions would be entertained after the presentations.

First Item on Agenda – **Mowing:**

Presenter: Carol LaBerta

The position of the Board is that it is not pleased with the services performed by Landscape Design. Despite the full vetting process, submission of four (4) bids and review of all

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proposals, the outcome and continuous phone calls, this company has not performed as desired.

In addition to the Landscape Design not mowing well, the rain mid-summer added to the rapid growth of nut grasses and the uneven appearance of lawns.

Going forward – the Board has started its search for a new mowing company and will again look to have better services and a reasonable cost.

Second Item on Agenda – **Gutters:**

Presenter: Karen Reuther

All Gutter work orders are being addressed.

Any drains underground are being eliminated.

Maintenance performs gutter clean out twice a year.

Third Item on Agenda – **Mulch:**

Presenter: Frank Skettini

All bushes must be 12” from bulkhead of home in 3 ft. Planting area.

Two presentations by the fire department and emergency services office detailed the need to keep mulch 18” away from homes (fire concern) and all bushes must be cut to windowsill level. These rules are not of the Village, but fire department.

Fourth Item on Agenda – **Website:**

Presenter: Kathy Roe

It appears from a show of hands of the residents that many are using and referring to website for information. All residents asked to give their input on what they would like to see on the website in future.

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Fifth Item on Agenda – **Projects Completed:**

Presenter: Janet Barnowsky

The accomplishments of the past year include the new bus schedule/pricing allowing for more frequent bus destinations with a much lower price. The Village entered into a “consortium” with other villages to merge bus services. The price for the year starting September 1, 2025 is \$33K – a significant saving of \$30K.

Roofs are on schedule to be completed this year giving the Village a 10-year moratorium for new roof applications.

A new truck was purchased to replace a very old vehicle so as to avoid costly repairs and downtime in repairing the older vehicle.

Sixth Item on Agenda - **Animal Feeding:**

Presenter: Roger Printz

Township of Manchester rule: Do not feed wild animals – deer and feral cats.

The Township fine is \$2000 or 90 days in jail.

Do not feed the deer and feral cats.

Final Agenda item - **Taxes:**

Presenter: Donna Golding

Unfortunately, the Township has issued the new tax bill. The rates from recent years are:

2024      \$1.3M

2025      1.6M

The bill for 2026 is \$2.1M