

# Town of Crystal Bay

Special Meeting re: Lake County Garage Project in Finland

Clair Nelson Community Center

6866 Cramer Road Finland, MN 55603

## Minutes

May 27th, 2025

- I. **Attendance:** Stacy Breden, Paul Hartshorn, Michael Nikula, Roger Peterson, Randy Josephson, Douglas B. Perfetto, Joe Baltich, Jason DiPiazza, Terri Perfetto,
  - A. Supervisor Hartshorn called the Regular Meeting of the Crystal Bay Town Board to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of allegiance.
  - B. MOTION: To approve the May's Special Meeting Agenda. Motioned by Supervisor Nikula, Seconded by Peterson, Passed by unanimous consent.
- II. **Crystal Bay discusses involvement with Lake County Garage Project in Finland**
  - A. Board review feasibility study presented by Lake County
  - B. What's realistic for Crystal Bay Township
    1. Joe Baltich 2.4 million is a starting point. You can go up and go down with your design, this isn't set in stone. Supervisor Peterson asks what if it went down to 2 million, how would we pay for it? Supervisor Peterson states there are monthly costs to talk about. Supervisor Hartshorn how would we bond for it? Supervisor Nikula states we aren't sure how we could pay for it at this time.
    2. Jason states this whole study is a starting point, the architect designed something that most likely won't be built. Supervisor Peterson asks if Crystal Bay Township backs out will the County build something smaller? Jason states the idea is to touch base with interested parties and then do a preliminary design.
  - C. Questions for Jason DiPiazza & Joe Baltich
    1. Supervisor Hartshorn asks what will be done with the old building? Jason stated that is to be determined. Supervisor Hartshorn said maybe it's a possibility to take over the old Lake County Garage. Jason states maybe that is the option for Crystal Bay. Joe Baltich says he isn't sure the County will use the old building for highway purposes. Supervisor Hartshorn states his main concern is the fact that our current garage doesn't have running water. Doug states the old county garage would be more than sufficient for his needs.
  - D. Financing
    1. Currently financing is up in the air.
    2. Randy Josephson, asks what is the current monthly cost for the Lake County Garage? Jason doesn't know off the top of his head. Clerk Breden emailed him asking for that information.

3. Doug Perfetto asks if there is grant money, maybe Grant Hauschild could help.
4. Joe Baltich said he is not sure at this time if there is state funding available.

E. Next Steps

1. Jason stated the timeline looks like construction on the new facility will be in 2028. Looking to have a concrete answer from Crystal Bay in the next 6 months, early 2026.
2. Joe Baltich will talk to Grant Hauschild or his staff about grant opportunities.
3. Stacy will email and call him as well.
4. Supervisor Nikula asks how to get this proposal out to Crystal Bay Township residents.

**VI. CLOSE MEETING:** MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm Motioned by Supervisor Nikula ,  
Seconded by Supervisor Peterson , Passed by unanimous consent.

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Paul Hartshorn- Board Chair

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Michael Nikula- Vice Chair

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Roger Peterson- Supervisor

Attested to this 17th day of June, 2025

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Stacy Breden - Town Clerk