

***Minutes of Crestwood Village Five
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 20, 2026***

Open Session:

Trustees in attendance: Steve Berwanger (via phone), Steve Carroll, Betsy Gordon, Maryann Payne, Ed Kirkwood, Ken Freeman, Eileen Ringen

Administrator: Cathleen Blackwood

Guests present: George Elliott, Gerald Gontarz

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Betsy Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes from 1/13/2026; Maryann Payne seconded the motion and all approved. Betsy G made a motion to accept the minutes from 1/6/2026; Maryann P seconded the motion and all approved.

Betsy G stated that there have been four road saltings as of 1/20/2026 and that residents appear to be generally satisfied with the snow removal and winter road service to date. She added that a snowfall of 5 – 8 inches (with a possibility of even 12 inches) has been predicted for the upcoming weekend. Betsy G also shared that she has posted a reminder to residents on the CV5 Neighbors page to make preparations for the upcoming storm by picking up prescriptions, keeping phones charged and having candles and batteries available. She stated that she will be staying on top of the situation and will be keeping herself updated on future forecasts. Betsy G informed Cathleen Blackwood that she had inserted an item in the R & I book for discussion during the closed session meeting.

Ed Kirkwood shared that Dennis Coyne was elected the President of the Residents Club at the meeting held last week. Steve C asked if there was an update from the Residents Club treasurer and Cathleen B stated that she would speak to Barbara (the acting treasurer) after she heard back from Skip Bauer about the quarterly audit. Cathleen B added that she would inform Mr. Bauer that Dennis Coyne was the new President of the Residents Club as well. After noting that the Residents Club meets the second Tuesday of each month, Cathleen B asked Ed K if the Residents club could meet on 2/17/2026 with the Board and Ed K agreed. Cathleen B added that she would put together a quarterly meeting schedule and make it available to both Dennis Coyne and Ed K.

Steve B noted that there will be an open quarterly CV5 Board meeting on 2/9/2026 at 2PM and Cathleen B noted that Ron Catelli and Jamie Spadavecchia will be at the 2/17/2026 meeting. Cathleen B stated that she had some HOPA's that needed to be followed up on, some property modification forms to be reviewed/signed and re-inspections to be done.

George Elliot suggested that, since fence enforcement will be moving forward, that it might be a good idea to publish a blurb to alert residents in advance of being told that they are in violation. Eileen Ringen suggested giving the advanced notice closer to the time that the enforcement would begin. George E asked if the prior discussion regarding fence enforcement would be recorded in the 1/13/2026 minutes and Eileen R stated that it would. Steve C stated that if notice of fence enforcement was given during winter weather conditions when removal would be difficult or impossible, residents would be understandably angry. Betsy G noted that at all residents would be given ample time to remove fencing and Steve C stated that he believed that residents should be made aware of the fencing enforcement at the next open board meeting and in the Hilltopics. Garry Gontarz shared that he would be putting in a property modification form requesting permission to install gas service and Cathleen B advised him that he could drop it off at the window.

Gerry G and George E departed the meeting at 10:20

The meeting adjourned at 11:35

Eileen Ringen

Secretary