



Village of Crystal Lake

Brings in \$163,320.67 more State funding to your area annually.

Brings in \$68,567.47 more road funding to improve roads annually.

Control the future of your community.

Costs you NOTHING to establish your Village.

Township KEEPS all their funding yet services less area.

Open the door to possible future services such as water with fire hydrants, trash pickup and road paving.

Open the door to going after grant money.

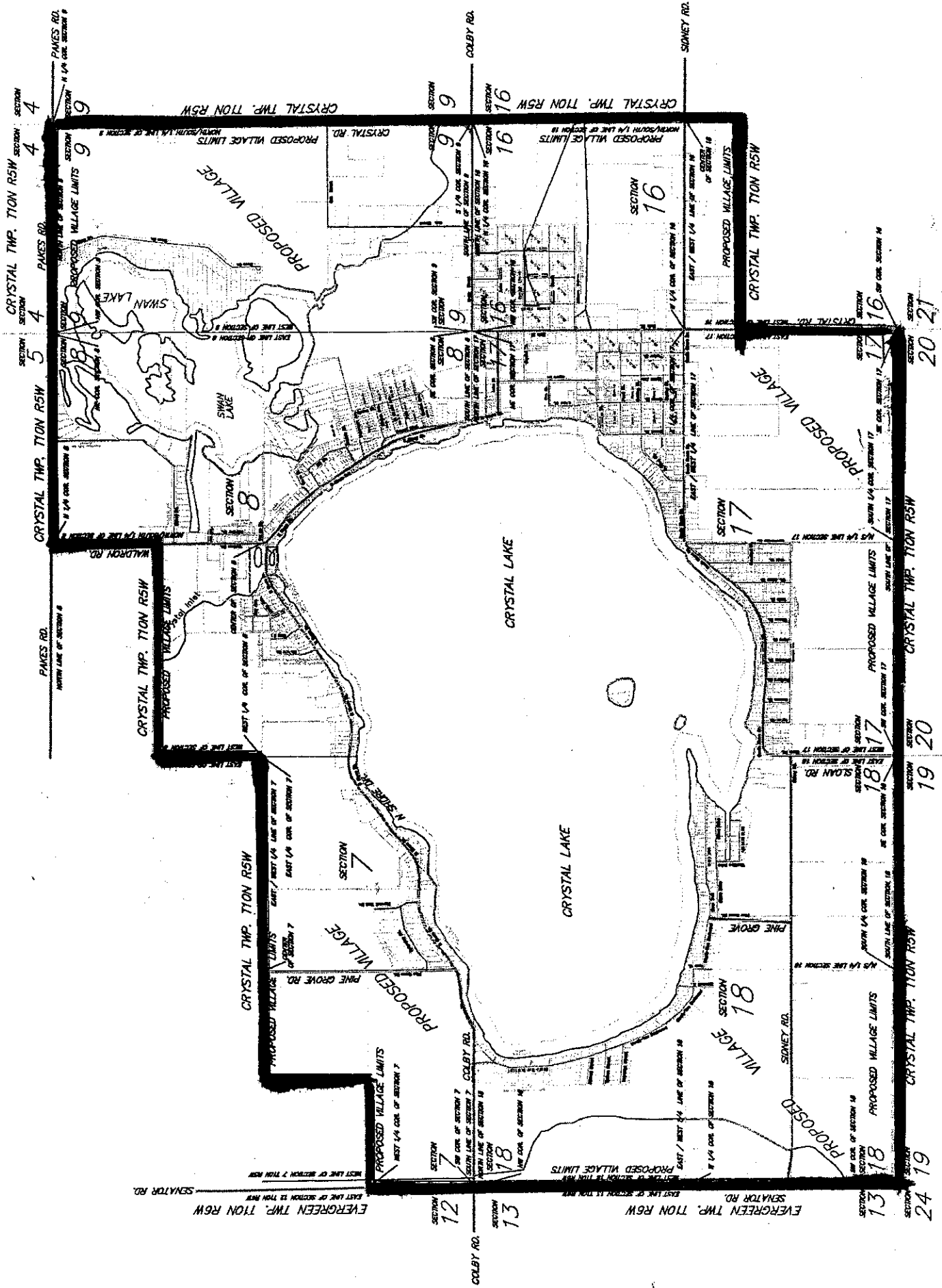
To Vote no will deprive your community of millions of dollars that will go to other communities.

Self determination

Still not convinced? Read on

Vote for your future of your Community

Vote YES November 7th



PROPOSED VILLAGE OF CRYSTAL LAKE
 MONTCALM EQUALIZATION DEPT.



Why would you vote YES on November 7th?

Change is good. Remember the sewer and the positive influence it has 26 years later, yet many people opposed it then. Same with the Village. You'll also want to vote for the Charter Commissioners at the next February election. You'll then have the chance to guarantee that the Village reflects your values and priorities with no new taxes and additional services. Then see, feel and touch the Charter created by the Charter Commission and LATER vote YES or NO.

Are we big enough in population to support a Village?

We are bigger in population(1380) than the Village of Edmore(1244), Carson City(1190), Village of Lakeview(1112), Village of Sheridan(705), Village of McBride(232), and Village of Pierson(185). We will be the 4th largest community in the County behind Greenville(7935), Howard City(1585), and only (80) behind Stanton(1460) and that doesn't even include our summertime residents.

How many people?

The Township has 78 people per square mile; Your Village has 470 people per square mile. That gives us the demographics to financially support a village with only revenue sharing. These are two very diverse groups of people with very different needs.

How much State Revenue Sharing to improve and maintain the area?

The Township receives \$5,535.16 per square mile.
The Village receives \$32,339.05 per square mile. (Say that again!)

What can a Village do to improve your area?

Your Village can bring in \$163,320.67 more money annually than the area receives today.

That's \$1.6million over only 10 years.

Your Village could in the future offer services that can save you money such as Municipal Water with Fire hydrants(Home insurance savings), Dry hydrants, Trash pickup, Paving dirt roads and brush pickup.

Your Village Council will focus on concerns unique to only the Village area.

Your Village will bring the resort atmosphere back to the community.

Your Village will have a feeling of local small community support.

You can live in a community of the residents, for the residents.

Your Village can improve and protect your property values.

Your Village will have community decisions made by community residents.

Today, only one member on the township board resides within the Village and Trustee Rick Chalmers is for it.

Your Village *must* create a *Master Plan* that addresses; History, Census data, Residential land use, Commercial land use, Industrial land use, Agricultural land use, Future land use, Well and septic plan, Streets and Transportation plan, Governmental service plan, Recreation plan, Long term project plan, Survey results, Zoning map(if any).

Your Village will have increased communication and function with local organizations for economic development such as DDA(Downtown Development Authority), Chamber of Commerce and Montcalm Alliance.

Is the Village another layer of government?

No. Its much like the Fire and Police department, each have a separate functions but work together on occasion. It allows you the resident to be more involved and decide for yourselves how your community operates.

Some said you don't get something for nothing?

Correct. A community must meet all the legal requirements to receive additional State support and funding. All requirements have been met.

Can the Village operate on a \$248,431.00 budget?

Without question, the professionally created draft budget (which has always included council salaries) has \$78,292.24 left over. Township operates today on less, Village will operate tomorrow just fine.

Will a Village improve roads?

Yes. Your Village will receive \$144,862.80 to maintain and improve roads. That's \$68,567.47 more money than your roads get today. The State feels that higher traffic on Village roads should receive more money than lower traffic Township roads.

Will the Township lose money?

No. Keep in mind that all funding is not guaranteed many years down the road. Nothing is. But since the Village will operate on 100% *Constitution* funding and there is no way for the State to remove it, unlike *Statutory* funding, which the State controls. The Village ensures we will get our fair share years down the road.

How much State revenue sharing does our entire Township get today to operate on?

Crystal Township runs today on \$199,266.00 annual revenue sharing and that does not change. The Township will have less area to manage, thus leaving more money for the Township residents.

What about the Township services?

Nothing changes with Township services such as Fire | Police | Sewer | Tax assessing | Parks | Cemetery services | Township voting rights | DPW. They simply stay the same.

Will a Village raise taxes?

No. A Village can be done without raising taxes. How? We're new and don't suffer from old legacy costs and employee retirement funds.

What is the role of the Village Creation Group now?

Nothing. After 5 years of meeting the legal requirements the Village is in the hands of the voters and has been since the May 18th 2006 State Boundary Commission Meeting. The only task now is to provide you with factual information and not hypothetical theories. Any resident can run for both the Charter commission and later Village council.

Do you really know what your Village can or cannot do without a Charter?

No. the Charter defines what the Village can or cannot do. Everything said to date is only possibilities of what could be. Vote YES November 7th to proceed and find out.

Self-determination is the people's right to determine their own governmental forms and structures. Its your right to have your Village. *Vote for the future of your Community, Vote Village!*

Please vote YES November 7th. So you can decide later when you have hard numbers with a Charter in hand. A high voter turnout of 30% would be approximately 224 votes. Please vote YES as every vote counts big.

Thank you for time in reviewing this information. More information is available at www.villageofcrystallake.org

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