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Crete Township Board of Trustees Meeting
November 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at the Town Hall. Trustees in attendance were: Elton, Grady, Hodge and Piacentini. Clerk Holubek was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting as presented. All were in favor, minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR:

CSX Update – Supervisor Liccar reported CSX is not showing any signs of urgency in this matter. This does not mean that CSX will give up the land, they will just find an alternative purpose. No official decision has been made at this time.

Update of current proposed Town Hall Property – No further movement.

Request for contribution to SSSRA – This is under the jurisdiction of the Supervisor to make the donation from the General Assistance Fund, for which the Supervisor is accountable and not the Board of Trustees.

Request contribution to Will County Center of Community Concerns – Supervisor Liccar explained the purpose of the request being for food baskets. Since the Center is located in Joliet, the possibility of Crete Township residents receiving help is not likely, Since Crete Township does have a food pantry and will distribute baskets for residents.

Request was tabled by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini- yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Update of possible land donation – Mr. Deal, resident of Crete wanted to donate 9 parcels of land to the Township. A local attorney was contacted to discuss the probability of accepting this donation. He came back with more possible problems and costs than would be practical. This would be cost prohibited for the Township to accept, so the donor will look for someone else to donate the parcels to, or possibly donate to the County.

CLERK: Clerk Holubek explained the request to vote as a Board for the IMRF Executive Election. Supervisor Liccar stated that of the (2) candidates only (1) has a significant finance background. Motion from Trustee Elton to support Sue Stanich for the position, motion was seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor.

Building Usage requests: Clerk Holubek explained the requested dates for meeting for the year starting in January should be voted on as presented. There may be some conflicts with requests for late March and early April due to the Election on April 2nd. It will be up to the Clerk to decide on when Early Voting will begin or even if Crete Township will have Early Voting. Since the room currently being used for Early Voting will change due to the amount of residents taking advantage of the voting period at Town Hall, certain modifications to the meeting room must be done. If changes will need to be made regarding the usage of the current meeting room for Early Voting, contact will be made to all organizations requesting usage during the time of voting to change that date.

1. Crete Women's Club – Book Club. Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor.

2. PLEHOA – Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor.
3. Crete Area Historical Society - Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor.
4. Crete Women's Club – Garden Walk – Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor.
5. Crete Baseball and Softball – Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor.
6. Crete Women's Club – Board Meetings – Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor.
7. Angels on Assignment – Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor.
8. Crete Bulldogs – Motion to approve dates as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor.

Acknowledgement of Road and Bridge Fund Levy – Motion to accept and authorize publishing of the Road and Bridge Fund Levy. Publishing will be on November 22, 2018 in the local Vedette Newspaper. Levy Adoption will occur at the December 4th, Special Town Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion to approve publishing and approve passage date was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

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TRUSTEE GRADY – FINANCE REPORTS – See attached

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER – See attached

ASSESSOR – See Attached

ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Plan Commission – Chairman Rzymiski requested Board Approval to fill a vacancy on the Commission. Steve Clark is the candidate and had the support of the Plan Commission. Motion to approve the appointment of Steve Clark to the Plan Commission was made by Trustee Elton, Seconded by Trustee Piacentini. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Building and grounds – Trustee Hodge stated the sump pump at Town Hall needed to be replaced and was. Also, since the meeting room will be used for Early Voting, internet service must be upgraded in that room. Are waiting for bids to be presented explaining all work to be done and cost for the upgrades.

Senior Transportation - Trustee Hodge attended a meeting in Joliet for a transportation meeting. Representatives from Pace, RTA were there. Trustee Hodge went to this meeting with the goal in mind to get answers for the continued increase in the cost of our transportation program, as discussed with the supervisor. Currently, our price for service has gone sky high, but never got a chance to discuss this matter because of an hour and a half discussion regarding a travel training, which would have been better served to have this meeting with any person who would have direct contact with the possible riders. Supervisor Liccar stated a conversation with Wendy at the County office regarding costs. He was told that Crete Township residents are using the service at record numbers. The problem is that the cost is now at the point in his opinion is becoming cost prohibited to

continue this program. For example, last year the average monthly cost was probably close to the \$3,000 to \$3,500 range. This years' average is from January through August, Is almost \$6,200, with the August bill itself is over \$7,000. Our current budget is set for \$45,000 for this line item, currently we stand at spending for \$43,000 through the August billing. So far, we are running \$26,000 higher this year than the same time last year. After speaking to Wendy some questions were answered as follows;

- 1) Usage has increased
- 2) Cost for PACE
- 3) Some of the re-imbursements have been drying up

Wendy stated she would like to go back to partnering with Washington Township, rather than outsourcing everything, which she explained that we source with PACE and they again outsource their services to other groups. Going back, we leased our own buses, hired our own drivers and that would probably bring the cost down significantly. It seems that Crete Township is making up about 60% of the ridership, and Supervisor Liccar stated Crete Township cannot keep doing this at the current costs. Wendy agreed to have a discussion with Nick Palmer, assistant to Executive Larry Walsh to bring these issue up for discussion and find solutions.

Trustee Elton suggested getting our own pace bus, hiring our own driver (s) and cutting the service area to medical only. Supervisor Liccar suggested contacting Washington Township Supervisor to see what they are doing to reduce their costs.

We will have to sign this agreement, until we find another alternative to the current bus agreement, but we do have a 60 day notice to terminate this contract in the event that a solution for Crete Township is found.

Requested the Inter-governmental agreement be approved between Crete Township and Will County for Will Rides. Motion to approve and sign this agreement was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar - yes.

Youth – Trustee Piacentini reported that Crete Monee High School is in the semi-finals for the 6A-IHSA Playoffs

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini reports the new Mosquito Truck is scheduled to arrive in Crete on Monday, November 19th, 2018

Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton reminded all the Senior Christmas Luncheon will again be held at Lincolnshire Country Club on Friday, December 7th at Noon.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Elton suggested setting time aside for a workshop to discuss the proposed NEW Town Hall. Meeting date: week of Dec. 10th – time 6:30p.m.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Crete Country Christmas – Begins on December 8th

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion to approve the Town Fund Bills as presented was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Town Fund bills stand approved for payment as presented.

Motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund bills as presented was made by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Road and Bridge fund bills stand approved for payment as presented.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor, meeting stands adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathie Holubek
Clerk