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County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 11, 2020

The regular scheduled meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 7:00 PM.

Board members present were Trustee Elton, Trustee Hodge, Trustee Piancentini, Trustee Grady and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buitter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor, minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that Coronavirus has been in the news lately. We are not a health and safety agency, but we will assist the public as much as possible. He wanted to bring the point up about the St. Patrick Senior lunch on March 12, 2020. Trustee Elton concur with Supervisor Liccar to hosting the senior lunch. Trustee Piancentini and Trustee Hodge agreed to keep the senior lunch. Trustee Grady cautioned that we should careful and have sanitary wipes and wash hands. Trustee Grady stated he felt that it was too late to cancel the senior lunch.

Supervisor Liccar stated that he will attend the meeting Friday, March 13, 2020. The Will Ride agency contracted a new bus service and has reduced our cost by around 10%. Supervisor Liccar stated that in month of December 2019 dropped to \$3137.00 for the month. There were 347 rides at a cost of \$9.04. Compare this to a year ago there was 499 rides for a total cost of \$5391.00 with an average cost of \$12.00. Supervisor Liccar pointed out that average ride for July 2019 through December 2019 average cost weas \$10.76. That was a dropped of about 12%, so cost of Will Ride has dropped to \$56,864 as compare to \$69,315 in 2018. The rides per destination was from Crete, Steger, Beecher, and Lansing so the rides are locally. For now, we should off on getting our own bus service. Trustee Grady wondered why we don't require \$2.00 fare per ride but Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we cannot require a fare since there is federal grant money involved.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we received an unsolicited from Warren Insurance company. They use a private insurance company named Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. The coverage was little worse except in one area better. We use TORMA and their coverage is self-funded by the townships. Their cost is \$89,992 and we get a refund of \$13,397 depending on the pool did so our cost is net \$76,495. The bid form Warren Insurance was \$80,932. We have better coverage with TORMA for liability

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coverage but public official's liability the deductible is \$60,000 and Warren Insurance Company is \$2500. We don't have to make a decision tonight, but we need to decide by the June 2020 meeting.

Motion was made to hold the Budget Workshop meeting will be on April 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM and the Board Meeting vote will be on April 29, 2020 at 6:30 PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk: Motion was made to grant permission to approve the application for Ridgefield Homeowners Association for November 5, 2020 6-8:30 PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion was made to donate \$800 to The F-Men Easter Egg Hunt by Trustee Elton and seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Motion was made to donate to the Crete Area Youth Baseball and Softball Association as a General Sponsor of \$200 by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Clerk Buiter mentioned that he was filling out the TOI Salary Survey for the record.

Trustee Grady – Financial Reports- See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Supervisor Recupito read his report. Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Roads are being plowed and salted properly. Roads are being cold patch. Signs are being replaced. Bucket Truck Lift was safety inspected. See Attached written report of activity.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – No report from John Rzymiski.

Building and Grounds - Nothing to report.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar gave the report as noted above.

Youth – Trustee Piacentini mentioned there is Crete Park District is having Soccer sign up on March 14, 2020. The Crete Park District is having a Mother Son Dance on March 14, 2020. No news from the youth group who was at the December 2019 meeting.

Mosquito Abatement – It was mentioned that the Trustee Piacentini was getting quotes for supplies and he is getting the equipment calibrated. It was mentioned that Bob the driver calls all the people who have breathing and informs that he is spraying and the citizens are very thankful.

Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton is organizing the St. Patricks Day Party. It is set for March 12, 2020 at the Lincolnshire Country Club. There is 170 people plan on attending.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

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CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – Dave concerned citizen mentioned his neighbor has died and his children were just putting a garbage bags in his yard. Sheriffs were called and they informed neighbors to mind his own business. This house is basically abandoned. Supervisor Liccar is going to follow up with the sheriffs.

Another concerned citizen by the name of Jackie McKetchen was concerned about the financial report and was wondering if that is public information. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that is public information. She was concerned about the poor road surface of Mackey Road. She was wondering who is responsible for that part of the road. Road Commission Anthony Supervisor mentioned that is University Park responsibility. Supervisor Liccar mentioned to take pictures and send to newspapers and maybe the University Park elected officials will take note.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – A forum on the Crete Flooding on April 22, 2020 at the Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF BILL:

Town Funds bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Town Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor, meeting stands adjourned at 7:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk