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State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 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 Buiter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the regular October 14, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor

Supervisor Liccar stated that the ridership is way down. Supervisor Liccar reported if there any complaints about the rider service that he will look into right away.

There was a general discussion about the upcoming tax levy of \$2,151,000 for the Road and Bridge Fund. A motion was made to publish the Tax Levy for the Road and Bridge Fund by Trustee Elton and seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the point that the Town Fund will be decreasing due to the Will Ride cost reduction. The total amount for the Tax Levy will be \$807, 805. A motion was made to publish The Tax Levy for The Township Fund by Trustee Elton , seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Supervisor brought up the Mert's Annual maintenance contract. A motion was made to agree to a two-year contract with them for \$1131. 00 by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the election of one executive board member for the IMFR Board. A motion was made to elect Gwen Henry as the Board member by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

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Supervisor Liccar distribute a report for all the elected officials' salaries to all the trustees and clerk. He did review and compiled surrounding townships to show what they pay their elected officials. We are right in their range was pointed out. In 2017, we did raise the assessor's, highway commissioner's, and clerk's salary. Trustee Elton suggested a onetime \$3,130 increase for the supervisor's salary. The clerk's salary would be \$9,500 a year. The trustee's salary would be \$6,000 a year. The assessor's salary would increase 1.4% annual. The highway supervisor's salary would increase \$2,500 each year increase for four years. This is justified if you look how much money our current highway commissioner has brought in millions of dollars in grant money eliminating the need for the cost of a grant underwriter. Trustee Elton suggested that in lieu of the salary increase for the clerk we should provide health insurance to the clerk position. There was suggestion that the clerk would get health insurance and could pay for his family coverage. Trustee's salary would be \$500 a month from \$400 a month. Trustee Piancentini would like to see a bigger amount since he does a lot of work from his home and on the cellphone. Trustee Elton would like to see \$8000 salary for the trustees. There was a suggestion to comprise and make the trustee's salary to \$7200.

A motion was made to make the supervisor's salary for \$26,000 plus a \$1000 stipend to be the highway commission treasurer and covered benefits including health insurance and pension by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – abstained.

A motion was made to make the clerk's salary \$8,000 and provide health insurance and dental benefits plan for the clerk and he can pay the difference for his family by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

A motion was made to make the trustee's salary to \$7200 per year and they can participate in the health and dental insurance at their own expense by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piancentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

A motion was made to increase the assessor's annual salary by 1.5% at the anniversary period by Trustee Piancentini, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

A motion was made to increase the base salary of \$53,300 increase by \$2,500 for each anniversary period. For the 2021 year it would be \$55,800, for 2022 it would be \$58,300, and for 2023 it would be \$60,800, and for 2024 year it would be \$63,300. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

An amended motion was made to provide health insurance and pension and use of pickup and cellphone to the assessor and highway commissioner by Jim Piancentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.



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Clerk:

Clerk Buiter stated that Steger is having Christmas on the Boulevard and is looking for \$70 for a tree on the boulevard. A motion was made to donate \$70 to the Steger 's Christmas on the Boulevard event made Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Trustee Grady - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Supervisor Recupito provided his report. The public can request a copy if they want more details. Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Monthly branch is happening. Cold patch is being done on the roads. Signs are being replaced. Shoulder stone is being applied. Ditch work is being completed on certain roads. Log jams are being removed. Danne Road Bridge is completed and is looking good. See Attached written report of activity.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – None

Building and Grounds -The outside door lock needs to be looked at and is being looked at.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that cost ridership was \$1340 so it has dropped seriously

Youth – Trustee Piancentini mentioned that Crete Park District is having a ceremonial lightning at the Park District building on December 4, 2020. Also mentioned was to check the Crete Park District to see what the other activities have going on. Website is [www. Cretepark.com](http://www.Cretepark.com).

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that the season is slowing down with the cooling off in the weather. Major frost has come and the equipment is being maintained.

Senior & Special Events – The Christmas party will be very special this year since there are no events this summer. Trustee Elton suggested that will be having a drive thru for the Christmas party and will be handing out local restaurants gift cards maybe have hot chocolate and cookies.

A motion was made to allow the Supervisor Liccar to close the Town Hall to the public if Governor's edict comes out to close down the stater by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piancentini. . All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piancentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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 Piacentini. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – 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 Hodge. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady - 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. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion carries. Meeting stands adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk