

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 10, 2021

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 Piacentini, 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 Board of Trustees meeting on February 10, 2021 minutes made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. The minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor

Supervisor Liccar stated that the Board and Township takes no pleasure that the ridership is way down due to COVID. We like to see more ridership. We are seeing a rise in ridership by about 160. That is great that we are seeing more people using the Will Ride program. The ridership year over year was down about 56% but the low of the pandemic was around 66 to 70 people. As the vaccines are rolling out, the ridership will come back to normal. We have providing this service for 17 years.

Supervisor Liccar discussed the possibility of the Town Hall being a vaccination site when they become available. Her has talked to his contact in Will County and they have no definite site or location where that is happening. It has been published in the quarterly newsletter. He will keep the trustees posted when he receives more information and details.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the board has unanimously to start pursuing the planning for the new Crete Town Hall Community Campus. This has been discussed and studied for many years by the board. With COVID Virus situation it was put on hold. The board has had several hearings on this build out. He did reach out to the other organizations that utilize the current building. He setup a brainstorming session of what will work or not work on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall to discuss different possibilities like a areas for a youth and sports events and maybe arts and crafts sections items. Trustee Elton made it known that he was not available for that meeting since he was going to busy that night and was hoping it to delay it if possible. He was not very excited about bringing everybody into the discussion. Supervisor Liccar mentioned it was a brain storming session and nothing was going to be decided. He also mentioned that there will be more accommodative for the Food Pantry with a separate discrete entrance.

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A motion was made to be a sponsor of the F-men Easter Egg Hunt in the end of March, 2021 by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. 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 passes.

A motion was made to approve the building usage request from Crete Women's Club for March 11, April 8, and May 13, 2021 9AM –11AM by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. 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 passes.

A motion was made to approve the building usage request for Crete Bulldogs for the second Tuesday of the month 7PM- 9PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. 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 passes.

Supervisor Liccar also mentioned that the General Assistance Fund is very restrictive on how it can be used and disbursed to people. Also mentioned that evictions have been put on hold so that is why there has not been a lot of activity in the fund.

Clerk:

Clerk Buiter mentioned that Early Voting has been expanded to include the Saturday March 27, 2021 9 AM - 1PM. It will also run through March 29 through April 2, 2021 from 9 AM through 3 PM.

Clerk Buiter also mentioned that the Annual Town Hall meeting will be held on April 13, 2021 at 7 PM in the Town Hall Building.

Trustee Grady - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Tony Recupito provided the report. The public can request a copy if they want more details. Equipment maintenance is ongoing. We are plowing and salting as needed. Tree removal from catch basins and were opened where necessary. Trash was picked and at least 27 bags were picked up. Tree trimming and removal completed on Klemme Road and Stateline Road. Sign repairs and replacements were done on Kings Road. The Stateline Road and Exchange Street Project is up for approval at the March 17th, 2021 Agenda at Lake County Indiana Commissioner's meeting. Once the contract is approved a preliminary construction meeting date will be set.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – None

Building and Grounds – Everything was talked about by Supervisor Liccar.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that Crete Park District is having several kids' events for the Easter/Springtime season. One of the activities was an Easter Egg Hunt. Also mentioned was to check the Crete Park District website to see what the activities are going on. Website is www.Cretepark.com.

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini informed that when he took over, he got a new vendor, Univar, and saved over \$30 for each application. Everything is getting prepared for the springtime.

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Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton informed everyone there will a drive through St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Lunch on March 19, 2021 11AM through 1 PM at the Town Hall building.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Supervisor Liccar wanted everyone to know that there will be a possible referendum question on the next ballot next year. It pertains to adopting the Illinois Initiative Amendment which could give the Illinois voters the right to enact amendments to the Illinois state constitution.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

CORRESPONDENCE –

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

APPROVAL OF BILL:

Town Funds bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Grady. 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 Elton, 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 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk