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State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

## CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 12, 2022

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 Albrecht and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buiter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Supervisor Liccar announced a moment of silence for the two Will County sheriffs that were ambushed by two criminals who shot them at the hotel in Bradley, IL. The Board and residents are saddened by this loss and send our condolences to the families that were affected by these shootings.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Town and Fund and Road and Bridge Tax Levy meeting on December 8, 2021 as written made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Motion passes. The minutes stand approved as written.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting on December 8, 2021 as written made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Motion passes. The minutes stand approved as written.

### REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar has noted that ridership is about the same YTD as last year. The ridership is 1,663 YTD and last year's ride was 1,662. However, our costs have increased by 26 %. The labor costs have gone up since it has been hard to find drivers. In addition, they are utilizing Uber and Lyft drivers and gas prices have gone up from last year.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he spoke Chuck Miedema and they have to talk the attorneys and they are scheduling a closing for Tuesday, January 18 or Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The two attorneys are working together and will keep us posted when it will happen. Chuck Miedema handed over to Supervisor Liccar a list of suppliers for utilities and lawn services and other pertinent companies who do work on the building. A motion was made to retain the same service suppliers 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 Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that as the community center becomes a reality, he will be holding meetings with other community groups and discussed what the phases will be in the future. He is

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talking about Phase 1 will be converting the building to a community center, Phase 2 will include building out a small auditorium/sport facility depending on financial matters, and Phase 3 will be selling the current Town Hall building and building a new town hall in the new property. This will have to be done with phases and we will meet with the community groups to discuss. Once we get these down, we will meet with the Linden Group to build out appropriately. Supervisor Liccar would like to see work to be done to focus our efforts to assist the youth and seniors of Crete Township. Supervisor Liccar discussed the senior potential with the lead person of Age Guide, which is the federal agency that provides grants for issues for the senior's quality of life. She was very helpful, and she said she will keep us posted in the spring for grants. She made an introduction to Catholic Charities, which they do a lot of events for seniors and he would like to setup some programs with this projects manager based in Kankakee, IL. They have program that includes Bingocise which involves Bingo playing and exercising and other programs that involves exercise, crafting and other physical activities. We will publish these activities to the public. A motion was made to partner with Catholic Charities to host their activities starting with the Bingocise classes starting in the summer of 2022 for our seniors 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 Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar reached out to AARP to see if they were doing activities. They responded immediately and stated they will be starting up in couple of months and will keep us posted.

A motion was made allow the Crete Baseball and Softball Association for signups January 21 & 22 2022 and February 4 and 5, 2022 9AM and 1:00 PM by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to allow Crete Women's Club to use the building for the following dates January 13, February 10, and March 10, 2022 by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes. Trustee Elton mentioned that they can use the room but if they spill coffee or other liquids, they should try cleaning it up after they are done or at least inform us there was a spill.

A motion was made allow the Angels on Assignment to use the building for their monthly Board Meetings January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19, 2022 between 7PM – 9 PM 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 Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we have a request for funds from the Will County for Community Concern Disability Assistance Program to establish an emergency fund for their constituents. A motion was made to table the motion indefinitely by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the Will County LIHEAP sent a letter of understanding to hold the events and signup citizens for their energy programs. A motion was made to sign the letter of understanding by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee

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Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Clerk:

Clerk Buitter mentioned that The TOI is holding a Zoom conference if you have any questions or concerns. The January meeting will be hosted by their Attorney down in Springfield.

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Crews went out plowing and salting for the first time this season on 12/28/ 2021. Tree trimming and removal was done on West Richton Road, Thorn Creek Lane and Old Mud Road. Sign repairs and replacements were done at Stoney Island Ave. People are stilling stealing signs, mainly east of 394 and some were sprayed with graffiti. Cold patch was applied on roads. Crews went out to pick up downed branches and trees from the storms on 12/10 and 12/15. The furnace was replaced in East Bay Areas unit was 34 years old and had a cracked heat exchanger. It cost \$3,895.00 Kings Road Bridge replacement update Bid was opening was held on 12/15/2021. Low bidder was D Construction in the amount of \$725,325.90. There was a concern on how long it took Will County to come out to spreads salt on icy roads. Supervisor Liccar will reach out to someone at Will County DOT to discuss this matter.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski

Liaison Property Code Matters – Bob Walters

Building and Grounds –Trustee Hodge will be getting bids for the carpet cleaning situation.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht mentioned that the excess gifts from the Christmas project were handed to Pastor Cory to passed out to needy people including scarves and hats to hand out to homeless people. All the crayons and arts and crafts sets were handed out to the needy people.

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini informed that the machines are winterized, and they will be in hibernation till springtime.

Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton mentioned that the St. Patrick's Day dinner will be combined with a huge summer picnic. Trustee Elton will keep us posted.

Flags and Logo Committee – Trustee Albrecht is working on the logo with the committee and will keep us posted. Our media person will be updating the bios and the new website. Trustee Elton just wanted to mention that no citizens were in the audience and only employees and elected officials were present in the room.

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – Tim Miller mentioned that the new trucking that purchased Balmoral Racetrack started bringing 100's of trucks and trailers to the parking lot. Supervisor Liccar will reach out to Land Use of Will County about this situation.

CORRESPONDENCE –

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

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 Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes Trustee Albrecht - 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 Albrecht. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht - 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 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk