

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

#### CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 9, 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.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting on February 9, 2022, as written made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Motion passes. The minutes stand approved as written.

#### REPORTS:

Renee Chavez from the Crete Park District was attendance. She had three items. The first issue is the Crete Park District wants cooperation with the different local associations. The Crete Park District will be hosting an Earth Day in April. They are calling a Win-Win-Win situation. The groups that come out and help clean up the parks will get some donations. They will feel good doing something for the community. It is open to any civic, academic, or religious groups. The Crete Park District will be passing some of the donations raised to these organizations that participate. The second issue will be that the residents of the outlying areas of the township will be able get the lower Crete residents' rates for the summer programs and fall programs. The third issue is further down the road. As she has talked to other agencies, it seems the area needs a leisure study which includes finding out what the citizens what to do with the discretionary time and money. This will help what programs the agencies can offer to all the residents for their leisure and recreational time. People working from their homes so they will have more time on their hands for this extra time. If we can raise \$4000 -\$5000 to do these studies so if the taxing bodies can put their level of interest together, then the Park District can start figuring out what these costs are and how much they can request from the taxing bodies. A motion was made to contribute \$2,000 so the residents who live in the unincorporated rates can participate tint Crete Park District programs at the lower residents' rates was made 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. A motion to give \$500.00 to the Crete Park District for their Earth Day 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.

Another motion was made to participate in the Crete Park District studies in the future with no specific dollar attached to it by Trustee Elton, 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.

#### Crete Township

Supervisor Liccar has noted that ridership is going up by about 3.7% compared to the same period last year. However, our costs have increased by 12% due to the increase labor and fuel costs.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he spoke Chuck Miedema and he has talked to the attorneys. The two attorneys are working together and will be working to get us parking spots and garages. It does not involve the township. He does talk the seller and the attorneys once a week. He will keep us posted when the closing will happen.

A motion was made allow the Crete Women’s Club Scholarship Committee to use the building for their meetings on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, between the hours of 9 – 1 PM 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 mentioned that the Crete Baseball Club is looking for sponsorships. A motion was made to be a team sponsor for \$300 to the Crete Baseball Club 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.

There was invoice to clean up the planters out front and maintain them. A motion was made to approve JTP Landscaping invoice to pay up to \$2500.00 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 brought up the fact that the Township is part of an association called IPBC which helps smaller government entities to negotiate better health and dental/vision insurance premiums for employees. Back in 2015 this group required all members to come up with 2 months’ worth of insurance premiums and you had six years to contribute this \$33,000 premium. In December 2021, he received a notice we had \$19,000 on deposit we must come up with \$14,000, so we are sending that additional money and it will show up as an asset on our balance sheet. This is just for information purpose.

Clerk: Clerk Buitter mentioned that the Annual Town Hall meeting is being held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7 PM. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Annual Town Hall meeting by Trustee Piacentini, 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.

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Crews went out plowing and salting. Due to the dedication and hard work from our crew all the roads remained open. Tree trimming and removal was done on Klemme Road and there was a tree removed on Burrville Road in February 2022. A crew removed a log jam on Anne Lane. King's Road Bridge replacement update: Contracts are executed, utility work is beginning, and no start date has been determined for construction/road closure. Signs repaired/replacement were replaced on Bemis Road, Loomis, Burrville Road, Poplar Lane, Cottage Grove, Old Post Road, and Klemme Road. Push back and stack after the February's snow storms with the loader and wing plow. Crews put out barricades on 2/17/2022 at five locations where water was on the roads due to rain and quick thawing snow. Crew members attended the pipeline excavating safety program in Joliet on 3/1/2022. A bid opening for fuel, metal pipes, asphalt, and stone was held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at Townhall. Burrville Road at Exchange Street update: phase one kickoff meeting was held on 2/17/2022. Items discussed were scope of work, source of funding, and schedule. There was general discussion about the land use violations going on at Balmoral Racetrack between the trailers parked there as well the Ford Vehicles being parked. The Will County Land Use is doing nothing about this situation. Supervisor Liccar will keep us posted. Exchange Street intersection/improvement update is as follows: There will be a Phase 1 kickoff meeting on 02/17/2022. This phase is to determine any environmental impact the project might have.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski At the last meeting with Will County Land Use, He has been indarted with more variances and information about land use changes. One variance ended being sent To Clerk Buiter which he forwarded to me and I'm playing tag with a lot of these folks. Some variances are related to building out barns for horses and other animals. Highway Commission Recupito stated that to call out to Will County Land use and have them inform us when the hearings are so we can tell them to extend that hearing for another 30 days so John can review the variances or zoning changes and provide suggestions or conditions. Planning Commissioner will keep us posted. He also noted that Volkswagen autos had to fill out an application when they had vehicles at Balmoral Racetrack and when they were denied then they had to move the autos off the parking lot. In addition, Subaru tried parking their vehicles there and were denied by Will County Land Use.

Liaison Property Code Matters – Bob Walters Our condolences to Bob on the recent loss of his wife. There was complaint was bout a neighbor is complaining that some one is doing an auto business out of hie personal residence. It has been referred to Will County Land Use.

Building and Grounds –Trustee Hodge He informs us that the vestibule will be painted in the future.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht mentioned that she had nothing, but springtime/summer is coming knows a person that he is interested in starting a youth orchestra program when we get the new building. Trustee Elton mentioned that only one employee and Assessor in the audience were in the audience.

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini informed that we will be getting the briquets within the next month.

Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton says everything is on hold but will keep us posted.

Community Center - Trustee Frank Elton

Flags and Logo Committee – the committee is working on the logos and will keep us posted.

Social Media /Facebook – Supervisor Liccar

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –

Trustee Elton mentioned that only one employee and Assessor in the audience were in the audience.

CORRESPONDENCE – An was made to donate to the F-Men Egg Hunt up to what we donated last year 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.

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 Elton. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – 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 Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. 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.

Trustee Elton mentioned that only one employee and elected officials were in the audience.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Meeting stands adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk

