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County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 13, 2019

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 Buitter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019 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 updated the Will Ride Program which the Crete Township finances. We get a report from Will ride and Pam goes through the report to ensure that all the rides are used properly for medical purposes and no social events. Supervisor Liccar is looking into having our own senior transportation. He seen Pat Peters at the TOI Conference who started the Rich Township senior transportation. She would be happy to sit down with us and be a resource for no charge. Trustee Elton, Trustee Grady volunteered to be involved in the committee. In addition, we do have a grant rider that should be able to get some grants. Will County puts no money in the Will Ride program and the townships, which Crete Township pays the lion share of this cost, pick up the cost of the county employee who is the organizer of the program. Supervisor Liccar tried to make this fact at a meeting with three Will County elected officials present that the county should be picking up some of the cost and their reply it was an eastern Will county situation and you can forget about getting funding. Talk has it that they keep kicking this issue down the road so probably won't be discussed till 2021.

It is now levy time. We will have a special meeting at 6:30 PM before our regular scheduled December 11, 2019 board meeting for the public to come out and see what the tax levies will be for 2020. There was general discussion about the cost of repairing the roads and the cleanup of snow and debris. By the way salt is included in the tax levy and that has gone up 80 percent from last year. This tax levy request is for \$2, 111,000 for this year. Supervisor Tony Recupito made the point that \$650,000 to \$700,000 and goes to the different towns and villages in the township. A motion was made to pass the Town Bridge and Road tax levy as written 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 passes.

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Next the tax levy for the Town Fund was discuss and the different groups that utilize these services. The Tax levy request is 1.76% and the county limits this percentage. We are asking for \$816,538 for this year which is just above inflation. A motion was made to approve the Town Fund Levy as written by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follow: Trustee Elton – yes; Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar informed some homeowners who were concerned about gun shooting going on in their neighborhood that Will County ordinances cover this issue According to the actual ordinance does state that any residential area with 300 yards of any railroad corridor or residential area you cannot discharge any firearms. The gun safety forum was held on October 27 ,2019 at 7 PM. Supervisor Liccar suggested that once people hear the gunfire to call the Will County sheriff office right away. He gave the appropriate telephone numbers. The forum was very well attended, and we increased the education of the citizens on firearm safety of the unincorporated area of Crete Township.

Clerk Motion was made to grant permission to approve the application for Will County Land Use Department to use the conference room on November 14, 2019 in the afternoon by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Trustee Grady – Financial Reports- See attached.

Highway Commissioner- See Attached written report of activity.

Tony Recupito discussed the ongoing maintenance and grass cutting and branch pick up was done. Cold patching was done, and ditch work was completed on several lanes. Plowing and snow plowing was done November 11. All vehicles have been safety inspected. All tractors and mowers have been prepped and winterize. All plow trucks have been fitted with plows and salt spreaders. The salt bid was received and the cost has gone up approximately 80 % which in real dollars will increase our salt costs by \$63,000.

Assessor – See Attached.

Plan Commission – Received an email from Berogo Solar. They are working with the Crete Township Road Department to get the road situation okayed on Goodenow Road.

Building and Grounds – General discussion was about the flooded basement. It was found out that our building was never hooked up with the main sewer. All the costs will be covered by TOMA since the contactor had to be insured. The total cost was \$20376.71. All things are working properly.

Senior Transportation – Nothing

Youth – Tiffany Stervivant spoke about the upcoming youth program that she wants to get started in Crete Township. There were several young ladies that are involved in the program. It is named Techgirls. The program gets children involved in vocational and mechanical activities. It encourages old school chess play and the youth really like the chess program. The program started in Chicago and the drive takes a little bit of travel. Tiffany wants to open this club to the youth in Crete Township. The young ladies gave personal testimonies about how they liked the club activities. The kids get involved in a lot of activities they can participate. It is open for ages 7 through 16. Once you get to this age you can become

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an instructor. They would like to meet once a month and they would like to meet on Saturday. The workshops start around 10 AM to 2 PM. Most of the equipment will be provided and the instructors bring all the supplies. They expect about 14 attendees. A motion was made to allow the Tech Girls, Crete Chapter to utilize the large conference room one Saturday a month 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 Hodge – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Mosquito Abatement – Spraying is completed. The pickup was recalled. Everything is now working properly.

Senior & Special Events – Planning the Christmas party goes on. Reservations started on November 4, 2019. It is almost full.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

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 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 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 Piacentini. All were in favor, meeting stands adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk