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State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 13, 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 via Zoom Conference 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 April 8, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting was made by Trustee Hoidge, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor, minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor

Supervisor Liccar stated that the Will Ride buses are requiring face masks and sanitary wipes be used to keep the buses very clean. They are doing a very thorough cleaning after each day and keeping up with the sanitary requirements by the law.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the point that Serv- Pro was looking to do a deep cleaning before we open the Town Hall. Trustee Elton and Trustee Grady thought it was a little bit expensive and thought the regular cleaning service could handle the thorough dep cleaning. We will use our regular cleaning service for the Covid-19 deep cleaning.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the grant writing for the build out of the community center. The grant writer research it and found out that the grants that were available were for low income areas. In addition, the grant writer did mention that use must use the money within ninety day so the project should be shovel ready.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the subject about passing an ordinance related to grass lengths and weed control. The discussion was about the ordinance be model like Joliet Township ordinance. Motion was made to follow the Joliet ordinance by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were favor. Roll call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes; Trustee Hodge – yes; Trustee Piacentini – yes; Trustee Grady – yes; Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Clerk:

Clerk Buitter brought up the upgrade of the telecommunications system that we utilize in the Town Hall building. The new system will have very modern equipment including state of the art Cisco business phones. The incoming phone calls will be easily transferrable to all the offices. In addition, this phone

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system will be ready for the new 5G system. The one-time equipment charge will \$1,974.00. The Annual recurring software cost will \$2,159.28. Mary Tamez suggested that we get general computerized switchboard with the option for the taxpayers to choose which department they want to be transferred to. This should make life a lot smoother for Patty Hanus and the Assessor's office when there are a lot of incoming calls coming in. Also, there was a suggestion that a separate landline with Comcast so in case of emergency when the digital lines go out when we have a loss of power. Assessor Tamez also mentioned she wants to be there when we do the conference call to install the new system. Motion was made to purchase the new telephone system by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was follows: Trustee Elton – yes; Trustee Hodge – yes; Trustee Piacentini – yes; Trustee Grady – yes; Supervisor Liccar – yes.

There was a letter from the Steger Heights Fire Protection District for a donation of \$11000 for firefighter personal protective equipment. A motion was made to decline this request by Trustee Grady, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

The State of Illinois requested we update our resolution for the construction of the Danne Bridge for \$342,000. Motion was made to record a new resolution of \$342,000 for the construction of the Danne Road Bridge by Trustee Elton, seconded Trustee Piacentini. All were favor. Roll Call was follows: Trustee Elton – yes; Trustee Hodge – yes; Trustee Piacentini – yes; Trustee Grady – yes; Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Clerk Buitter requested that we upgrade our RING system on outside door to premium membership which will run \$100 annually. A motion was made to pay the \$100 annual fee for the upgraded RING system by Trustee Elton, seconded Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll call was follows: Trustee Elton – yes; Trustee Hodge – yes; Trustee Piacentini -yes; Trustee Grady – yes; Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Trustee Grady – Financial Reports- See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Supervisor Recupito read his report. 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. Plows and salt spreaders were removed. John Deere Backhoe was repaired. Bid opening for pavement maintenance was held on May 7, 2020. Iroquois Paving was the winning bidder. See Attached written report of activity.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski mentioned that there was a zoning change request to have more storage units on Dixie Highway. It will have 230 units and it will cover about 10 acres. It will be an industrial zoning request to I one classification. John said that he needs to talk to the county about this and he will keep us posted.

Building and Grounds - Nothing to report.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar gave the report as noted above.

Youth – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that Crete Park District is having a Day Camp June 8 for children 6 through 12.

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Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that the equipment is ready to go. It was mentioned that Bob the driver calls all the people who have breathing problems and informs that he is spraying, and the citizens are very thankful.

Senior & Special Events – No events happening till the Shelter in policy gets lifted.

OLD BUSINESS – TORMA Insurance costs was \$89,992 but we get a refund \$13,500 so our net premium is going to be \$76, 495. This is a better deal when we compared other insurance carriers quotes so the Board is saving costs and expenses for the citizens of Crete Township. A motion was made to engage TORMA insurance as our insurance carrier for Township and Road and Bridge by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor. Roll Call was as follows: Trustee Elton- yes , Trustee Hodge – yes; Trustee Piacentini - yes; Trustee Grady – yes; Supervisor Liccar – yes.

NEW BUSINESS – None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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 Hodge. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – 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, 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 7:51 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk