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County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 10, 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 Buitter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget meeting on July 13, 2022, as written 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. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar provided a paratransit update. We had an almost a 15% increase in ridership however our cost went up 50% due to fuel and labor costs. In addition, they are using uber drivers which is more expensive. We have spent through April 2022 about \$15,000 versus a year ago it was \$10,215 for the same period. The average cost was \$17.90 per ride versus it was \$14.07 per ride.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the attorneys are talking, and we have agreed to keep the easements as status quo. The maintenance of the shared areas and driveway, we would keep it the same way that the Crete Center owners are doing. We would maintain the back parking lot and they could use up to 12 parking spots. The Crete Center owners say this is their final offer.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he has been in touch with Will County consultants about the ARPA grants. They informed that we can use some of the money to use on the new community center such as improved air conditioning systems, refurbishing and expanding restrooms, including touchless toilet sinks and hand dryers. We can modify the building if it would use to knock down walls to help out in social distancing.

Clerk:

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- `Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Monthly Branch Pickup is ongoing as well. Culvert replacements were done on Kings Road. Second round of Roadside mowing was completed. Ditch work was completed on Mary Ln., Bending Creek Tr., Mulberry Ln., Kings Rd., and Klemme Road. Shoulder stone was applied at various locations. Crews went out on 7/25 to pick up downed branches

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and trees due to the storm over the weekend. Damage guardrail on Bemis Road through the woods was repaired using material that we had in inventory. This damage was caused by a hit and run driver and therefore no insurance claim recovery was possible. 2022 Pavement maintenance project bid opening was held on 07/08/2022. Contract was awarded to the low bidder, M & J Asphalt Paving, Cicero Illinois. Preconstruction meeting was held on 08/02/2022. Work is scheduled to begin on August 15th. Kings Road Bridge Update: Bridge deck is completed site work is ongoing. At this point, everything is on schedule for a completion date before Labor Day, weather permitting.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski mentioned there is a meeting to change the zoning variance for the Balmoral Park is scheduled August 25, 2022. Attorney Kavanaugh sent a letter to all parties involved that states the Balmoral 21, LLC is requesting a change in the zoning so to build a truck terminal and heavy truck use. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we should have our social media and website updated. All three solar farms are up and running and no major complaints about them.

Liaison Property Code Matters – Bob Walters mentioned that there were three issues that he is working with Land use out of Joliet, and they are coming out early next week.

Building and Grounds –Trustee Hodge stated that the air conditioning is properly working for now. The generator will be check on tomorrow, August 11, 2022. He will keep us posted.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht Acorn Fest is Happening in September 17, 2022. She needs volunteer to help us. Trustee Albrecht made a motion to cover the cost of inflatables for this event up to \$900, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes Trustee Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini informed that we had one complaint and we found out that the citizens house had three sides of her property with trees which causes a lot of mosquitos. Bob did spray the property when he was out.

Senior & Special Events – The Seniors Picnic will be August 25, 2022. The entertainment will be a magic show and the band will be there. He also mentioned that the Christmas lunch will be held at Scrementi's on December 15 and 16, 2022. There will 125 people attending each lunch. In addition, the employee Christmas Lunch will be held on December 22, 2022, at Scrementi's. He mentioned that we have a special guest in the audience who was the former assessor of Crete Township, and the only other people are either employees of the township or elected officials.

Community Center – Was mentioned under the Supervisors report.

Logo/Flag Committee – Trustee Albrecht Nick Borrell investigated into hiring a graphic designer, and it will cost about \$300 to get a graphic designer. A motion was made to hire a graphic designer to design out logo up to \$500 by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Elton All were favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes Trustee Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Social Media/Facebook – Nick Borrell

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OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –

CORRESPONDENCE – We received an agreement to allow LIHEAP to use our building to provide energy assistance to our citizens. A motion was made to allow LIHEAP to use our facility to service their customers on annual basis made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes Trustee Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he received a letter from Will County Center for Community Concerns. A motion was made to donate \$1000 to Will County Center for Community Concerns by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes Trustee Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the Crete Historical Society purchased the old Crete Congregational Church on Exchange Street that was used by antique dealers. It was built in 1853. This is just for our information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

APPROVAL OF Town Fund 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 Elton. 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. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes Trustee Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Adjournment passes.

Meeting stands adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk