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State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 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 Board of Directors meeting on October 12, 2022, as written made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar

Supervisor Liccar allowed the Crete Historical Society to introduce their officers and members of the Organization. President Phyllis Monks mentioned that they purchased the Crete Antique Mall building, which was once the historical church that, was involved in the Underground Railroad back in 1840 – 1860's era. They will be looking for donations and grants to rebuild some of the structure. Mark Waiter on the board mentioned that he has applications for membership and mentioned that they are having an open house in the building on November 16 at 6 PM. Board members and the whole community are invited. He said to bring a coat since the building is cold and forewarned everyone that is dusty and smelly in the building. If you want to see where the fire in 1962 started, you can climb the ladder to the loft area and see it. Phyllis Monk displayed their new sign and will be in the building for all to see.

Supervisor Liccar provided a Paratransit update. He mentioned that he has data through July 2022. The ridership increased by 17%, however our costs increased by 37% and the cost per ride increased by 24% so the average cost per ride is \$17.83. A year ago, it was \$13.50. Most of the increase was from fuel surcharges and labor costs.

The supervisor mentioned that he has received a letter stating that the current owner is requesting a new title commitment of the current address. The current owner of the property hired a new law firm out of Joliet to rectify the real estate transaction.

Supervisor Liccar had distributed the new investment policy for the investments of Crete Township. He discussed the different investments choices that we can invest in. These are mandated by the State of Illinois ordinances so very strict and conservative. He did recommend a monthly report given to the Board of Trustees and which will be audited annually by our auditors. This investment policy is always available to the public. A motion was made to approve the Crete Township investment policy by

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Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. Road Commissioner was present and agreed to the investment policy since some of his funds are affected by this policy. 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 our bank, Old Plank Trail Bank, has a broker dealer that purchases these investments, and he requests that the board approves him establishing account to do this type of investing. A motion was made to allow Supervisor Liccar to set up this account to purchase these investments 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. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the General Fund Tax Levy meeting is going to be on December 14, 2022 at 6:30 Pm and there will be a notice that will be published in a December newspaper. The rate increase is around 6.6% and below the inflation rate. A motion was made to publish the information in a local newspaper 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 that The Road Commissioner reported his increase rate of 6.68% for his Road and Bridge Fund. A motion was made to publish the information in a local newspaper 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.

A motion was made to allow the Crete Woman’s Club Cookie Sale Committee to use the conference and meeting room for their sale date on December 2 and 3, 2022 8 AM to 4 PM by Trustee Elton, second by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to allow the Crete Township Rural Park District Application for January 25, April 26, July 26, and October 25, 2023, 6 PM by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to table the request indefinitely for a donation to the Will County Center for Community Concerns 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.

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There was motion was made to donate \$250 to the South Suburban Special Recreation 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 a letter was received from Disability Resource Center based in Joliet, IL looking for sponsorship. A motion was made to table this discussion by Trustee Albrecht, 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.

Clerk: Clerk Buiter mentioned that early voting had 888 voters voted. There was a glitch on Saturday where the electricity went out. A lot of the residents were very understanding. Supervisor Liccar complemented Clerk Buiter on the fine job organizing the early voting.

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner - Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Shoulder stone applied at various locations. Tree trimming and removal were completed on several locations. Ditch mowing with boom mower was completed. Signs were repaired/replaced on Balmoral wood Drive, Stateline Road, and King Road. All vehicles have been safety inspected and mower decks have been serviced and stored for winter. All trucks have fitted with plows and salt spreaders. Crews went out on 11/5/2022 and 11/7/2022 to remove downed trees and branches and to chip the branches. We recovered \$11, 485.20 from Granger Insurance Company for damage down to the box culvert on Burrville Road at Stateline Road due to the one vehicle accident that occurred on 09/15/2022. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he noticed new road signs throughout the township stating that Exchange Ave is now Will County Route 49

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – John Rymanski was not present. Supervisor Liccar is hearing that the Will County Land use is getting complaints about the trucks on Elms Court. The Land Use is not going to offer any more special permits to the company is what he is hearing.

Liaison Property Code –

Building and Grounds –Trustee Hodge stated that the air conditioning is working properly for now. Everything is going well.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht is doing the Toy Drive with the Angels on Assignment. She is organizing gift drop offs and gift-wrapping foe December 2022

Mosquito Abatement – Bob Walters had nothing to report.

Senior & Special Events –He also mentioned that the Christmas lunch will be held at Scrementi’s on December 15 and 16, 2022. There will be 125 people attending each lunch. The Board will be at both lunches.

Community Center – Was mentioned under the Supervisors report.

Logo/Flag Committee – Trustee Albrecht will get that wrapped up and Supervisor Liccar will get a creative designer person to do the logo.

Social Media/Facebook – Nick Borrell

OLD BUSINESS – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that resubmitted the ARPA application. They conditionally approved for the funds. Supervisor Liccar is questioning what this means. We must follow the narrower requirements especially to the mitigation of the COVID virus. You can replace the air conditioners and touchless water fountains and sinks. He requested \$300,000 and he is waiting for the dollar amount and will keep us posted.

NEW BUSINESS –

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – A resident thanked the Board for doing an excellent job of protecting our citizens' rights. It was also mentioned that the old school that was turned down it will be turned into athletic fields, and we could get corporate sponsorship.

CORRESPONDENCE –

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

APPROVAL OF Town Fund Bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Piacentini, 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. 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 Hodge, 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. 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. Adjournment passes.

Meeting stands adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk