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Town of Crete

## CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 14, 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.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on November 9, 2022, as written made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar

Supervisor Liccar provided a Paratransit update. Ridership is up 14% but the cost went up 56.6%. The average cost per ride increased by 36%. The good news is that Pace had leftover CARES Act credits, so they gave us full credit for July, August, and September 2022. So, our total cost for January through September went from gross total \$33,382 to a net cost of \$23,000. In October it will be partially covered and then the credit will be all gone. He also mentioned Frankfort Township cancelled their program and now are using Will Ride as well.

The supervisor mentioned that he has talked to the owner of the Crete Center. The only dispute with the condo association is the fact that condo gets use of 12 garages and the use of the parking lot. The attorneys are working this matter out. There appears to be movement to get the issue resolved. Trustee Elton mentioned he is concerned that the condo association will keep acting in this manner when we become owners of the building since this association has taken over a year to resolve this matter.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned we did receive the ARPA Will County Subrecipient grant agreement, which was for \$152,976.00. He will be signing off and sending it back to them. We will be able to use it to upgrade HVAC and upgrade bathrooms. We can modify and change dimensions to accommodate social distancing requirements. A motion was made to enter into the agreement with Will County 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 Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

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Supervisor Liccar has a request from the Crete Historical Society to move the old church bell outside of our building to be placed in front of their new corporate headquarters. A motion was made to loan the First Congregational Church bell to the Historical Society for at least 25 years and the Crete Township reimburse the Crete Lions Club for the \$500 of moving the Church bell to townhall several years back and \$500 to the Historical Society to move the bell to their new headquarters by Supervisor Liccar, 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.

A motion was made to allow the Pheasant Lake Estates HOA to use the conference and meeting room for their Annual meeting on January 7, 2023, at 10 AM to 12 Noon and January 11, 2023, at 6 PM to 8 PM if available by Trustee Elton, second by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to allow the Angels on Assignment for 1/17, 2/22, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18,, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 12/21, and 12/19, 2023 5 pm to by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to allow the Crete Baseball /Softball for 1/20/2023 , 1/21/2023, 2/3/2023 and 2/4/2023 to use the conference room by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini . All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to approve the 2023 Holiday schedule by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion passes.

There was motion to table the request for Will County Senior Services donation by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to sponsor the Cub Scouts Troop #123 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.

Clerk:

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner - Equipment maintenance is ongoing. The first time out this season for plowing/salting was 11/15/2022 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 Riechert Drive (Delineators), Burrville Road, and Old Mud Rd. Cold patch roads material used 4.19 tons. Ditch work completed on Evergreen Ct. All fire extinguishers for trucks and buildings have been inspected and replaced where necessary. Burrville Road box culvert repair update: repairs have been completed including landscaping restoration with no cost to the township. The driver's Insurance company paid for all damages.

Assessor: See written report from the Assessor.

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Plan Commission – John Rymanski mentioned there is a lot of interest in the solar farm projects in this area. A motion was made to allow John Rymanski to give our response to the Land Use department about the solar projects in this area 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.

Liaison Property Code – John Rymanski reported that Land use reported that there was a rumor that there might be a meat packing company coming to our area. Supervisor Liccar mentioned it to Land Use and they will be getting back to him as soon as they find out.

Building and Grounds –Trustee Hodge reported all the light bulbs are replaced and stocked.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht is doing the Toy Drive with the Angels on Assignment. She reported that Santa delivered huge amount gifts and they will be wrapping those in the next week or so.

Mosquito Abatement – Bob Walters had nothing to report.

Senior & Special Events –He also mentioned that the Christmas lunch will be held tomorrow and Friday at Scrementi's. 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. Trustee Albrecht and Trustee Elton met with a graphic designer who will incorporate a deer in Forest Preserve for nature, and Underground Railroad item, and church with steeple, and piano for Steger. A motion was made to pay We the Printers, Inc. up to \$2500 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.

Social Media/Facebook – Nick Borrell

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –

CORRESPONDENCE – There was a letter from Land Use about the solar farms and a letter requesting an rural event application. Supervisor Liccar wrote a letter opposing this property use that was circulated to all trustees. He wants the zoning to change to A1 that limits how many animals you raise on the 5-acre property. These events would be a public safety issue. A motion was to approve Supervisor Liccar send this letter to the Land Use 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Trustee Elton reported that all participants at this meeting were elected or Employees of Crete Township except one individual who is a private citizen.

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 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. 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 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. Road and Bridge Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Adjournment passes.

Meeting stands adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk