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CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 12, 2023

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 Piacentini, Trustee Hawkins, and Supervisor Liccar. Trustee Albrecht had an excused absence. Clerk Buitter 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 March 8, 2023, was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar

Supervisor Liccar introduced Renee Chavez, Executive Director of the Crete Park District who had sent an intragovernmental contract. She discussed what is in the contract. The park district wants to put this agreement so to spell out their arrangement would be with us. This agreement helps them budget and plan their activities, which would be available to the Crete Township residents. This contract would be for several years. Anybody can cancel this contract at any time. Supervisor Liccar would like a report with specific details of the cost of the township residents. He was also concerned about the open-ended comment in the contract. For example, it states if the cost reached \$2000, the township will be billed for the excess. He would like to see if there is a possibility of not having an appearance of a blank check. We must budget our money every year so it would be hard to anticipate this with this situation. We do have residents in the township do take advantage of the park district activities. Supervisor Liccar requested Renee Chavez to send us the stats of the cost was and the value we should have been paying and we can go from there. We will have to ask in question do we do first come first serve to certain caps then no more people. Renee Chavez says she can find out who are the participants and get back to him with that info. Supervisor Liccar suggested that we could put an article about the park district in the next quarterly. Supervisor Liccar supports this for young families. It would be helpful to have stats on who is using the park district services. Supervisor Liccar did mention that he would be back to her once she gets the stats to him.

Trustee Piacentini and Supervisor Liccar discussed the cost per ride on Will Ride is 40% higher than last year. The cost has gone up from ride sharing services and other costs. We don't have any control of these costs and we cannot discriminate or distinguish which rides that the riders want.

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Supervisor Liccar brought up the letter that requires us as a township to set up a committee to fulfill the state of Illinois requirement for the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act. The committee is made up all Board Members and two outside members. Supervisor Liccar says we will send a report that states that we as a township government one of the most efficient government entity out there and the county and state should emulate to be like the township government. The first meeting will be held by June 10, 2023. The Highway Commission stated that the highway commission is involved also. Supervisor Liccar appointed Assessor Tamez and Bob Walters to be part of this committee. The Highway Commission appointed Tim Miller to serve on this committee. All appointees agreed to their appointments. Trustee Elton and Trustee Piacentini agreed with these appointments.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the Village of Crete is looking to extension the TIF district. Mayor Einhorn wants to revitalize the downtown area and wants to extend the life of TIF district so to give developers will develop the downtown area. A motion was made to support the extension of the Village of Crete TIF District 2, 3 and 4 and present the letter to the State of Illinois General Assembly by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that LIHEAP has an agreement with us. There is no cost involved. It is an agreement recognizing them as another governmental agency providing their services to our citizens and the use of our building. A motion was made to recognize them as a government entity and may continuity to serve our citizens by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to allow the Pheasant Lake Estates HOA Board meeting to use the conference meeting room on March 23, 2023 6 PM through 8 PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to allow the Pheasant Lake Estates HOA membership meeting to use the conference meeting room on April 20, 2023, 6 PM through 8 PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to allow the Crete Women's Club meeting to use the conference meeting room on April 26, 2023, 9 AM through 12:30 PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Motion passes.

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Clerk: Clerk Buitter mentioned that Early voting is going on the last week of March 27, 2023, through April 1, 2023. He also reminded elected officials that the statement of economic interest are due by May 1, 2023.

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner - Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Plowing and salting of roads are ongoing. Shoulder Stone are applied at various locations. Tree branch pickup is ongoing and will continue on the first Monday of the month through October. Tree trimming completed on Klemme Road. Cold patch roads material used 4.18 tons. Roadside trash was picked up 118 bags in total. Culverts replaced on Duichess Lane, Klemme Road, and Offner Road. Signs were replaced on Nacke Road, Greenwood Avenue, Danne Road. Boom truck has been safety inspected. We received notice from IDOT that the restricted crossing U-Turn project for the Burrville Road and IL 394 as lengthening of the south bound left turn lane at Exchange Street and IL 394 is scheduled for a June 16th 2023 Bid letting, pending available funds.

Assessor: See written report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – Howard Robinson had his first opportunity to read his report about the solar projects in the Crete Township area. There is a security issue with these facilities. The company is willing to secure the property with fencing and trees and shrubs. These trees and shrubs will have to be accepted height. The solar farms are an eye sore so the plan commission wants them to build a dirt berm around the facility reported.

Liaison Property Code – Nothing to report.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton is getting quotes on resealing and stripping the parking lot. He will keep us posted. Also getting quotes on the window cleaning.

Senior Transportation – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Youth – No report.

Mosquito Abatement – Bob Walters had the equipment recalibrated and will keep us posted when they show up.

Senior –Trustee Hawkins mentioned the great success of the corned beef lunch. Over 285 people were served. She thanked everyone who helped. She also mentioned that on April 29, 2023, also mentioned that there will be an electronic recycling event in the Town Hall parking lot from 9 AM through 11 AM.

Special Events - Trustee Elton had nothing to report.

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OLD BUSINESS – A motion was made to terminate the real estate contract with the Crete Community Center on the purchase and demand to return the \$10,000 earnest money to us by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we very much appreciate the hospitality shown to us by the New Star Building staff. He also mentioned that 44.74 % of the resident present at the annual town hall meeting were in favor of purchasing the New Star Building. A motion was made to petition the Township Clerk to call for a special town meeting on June 13, 2023, at 7 PM by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS – Supervisor Liccar called for a Budget workshop on Friday April 28, 2023, at 2 PM. All agreed for that Friday. It is a public meeting. Open to the public.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – Assessor Tamez requested that we put on the electronic sign for PLS/ALS month. Tim Miller mentioned that the Crete Township Fire Chief's retirement party will be on April 28, 2023, at 1 PM through 4 PM at the firehouse. A motion was made to send a resolution thanking Chief Penaga for his 35 years' worth of service to Crete Township citizens as Fire Chief by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. . All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

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 Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – 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 Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Road and Bridge Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Trustee Elton mentioned that 11 people were present at the meeting and one was an employee of the township all others were elected officials.

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

Meeting stands adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk