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County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 14, 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 Albrecht, Trustee Piacentini, Trustee Hawkins, 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 Budget Workshop meeting on May 5, 2023, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

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REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar

Trustee Piacentini oversees the Paratransit department and will be supervising that committee.

Supervisor Liccar will be setting up meetings with the Village of Crete, Crete Library District, and Crete Park District to discuss working on a Community Center with them. Trustee Elton is not in favor of discussing with anyone jointly operating any building since we tried this a couple years ago and we would have limited use of the building.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the subject of observing The Juneteenth Holiday. It was not on the approved holiday list for 2023. A motion was made to observe Juneteenth as a recognized holiday for Crete Township for employees and add it to the future calendar and correct it to the 2023 calendar by Supervisor Liccar, second by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins Trustee – yes, Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the subject of reimbursing the Crete Food Pantry for the liability insurance of Crete Township Food Pantry for \$977. A motion was made to reimburse the Crete Township Food Pantry for their liability insurance of \$977 by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins - yes Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Clerk:

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Supervisor Liccar - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner - Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Tree branch pickup is ongoing and will continue the first Monday of the month through October. Roadside trash was picked up. Applied shoulder stone at various locations. The first round of roadside mowing was completed. Culverts replaced in total 21 streets. Signs were replaced on Tieri Lane, Klemme Road, Burrville Road, Old Post Road and Cottage Grove Avenue. Applied shoulder stone at various locations. Burrville Road at IL 394 Improvement Update: Letting is scheduled for June 16th, 2023.

Assessor: See written report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – Nothing to report.

Liaison Property Code – 2 Properties were reported as vacant 2 were reported as in violation already. Supervisor Liccar updated the BOD that Balmoral 2021, LLC is applying to get a temporary permit to store Ford vehicles at the Balmoral Park race and Balmoral Woods. The latter is not allowed. A motion was made that Crete Township sends a letter of opposition of storing any vehicles for both Balmoral locations by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins - yes Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton announced that the resealing and stripping of the parking lot will be done and we will have a new looking parking lot. Starting next week will be getting bids for remodeling our bathrooms. Supervisor Liccar mentioned we must pay up front for these remodeling expenses and get reimbursed from the ARPA grant money from Will County. It was mentioned that a couple of light bulbs need to be replaced. Trustee Elton will get that done. Trustee Elton mentioned that he is going to clean out and flatten the ground in the front of the building and replace the sod. A motion was made to allow for the use of Zoom meeting for sickness, travel, or emergency during the BOD meetings by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins - yes Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Senior Transportation – Trustee Piacentini mentioned the ridership went up from 385 to 408. He also mentioned that we have spent through February 2023 \$6205 versus same time frame it was \$7228 so the cost has come down somewhat. Wendy Garlick has retired. Supervisor Liccar is concerned if they don't replace her at Will County.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht is organizing a Kid's, garage and Back to School Event on August 12, 2023 in the newly paved parking lot. She also mentioned that the Acorn Fest and we will have sponsor the bouncy houses on September 16, 2023. Trustee Albrecht has 6 bins out to collect food for the Food pantry and she had only 2 of them with food donations. She has been going into the businesses and several of the containers were getting more donations. She will keep us posted.

Mosquito Abatement – Bob Walters had the equipment recalibrated and will keep us posted when they show up. Need some rain to have them. Trustee Elton now has Mosquito slappers. They are wood sticks which you use to slap the mosquitoes made by the Mosquito Committed head Bob Walters.

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Senior –Trustee Hawkins mentioned there will be a summer picnic event on August 18, 2023. Everything is ready to go rain or sun.

Special Events - Trustee Elton had nothing to report.

Logo – Trustee Albrecht revealed the new Township Logo. It will be on all letterheads, social media, website, and newsletter. In the logo there is the oldest church, underground railroad, Steger piano, farmland, forest preserves, albino deer, and the Latin phrase stating Unity, Equality, and Family. A motion was made to adopt the great seal of Crete Township by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins - yes Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS - An issue was brought up that there was a Farm building that has 6 pavilions in front, and they had 150 people be entertained there and alcohol being served, and noises were ongoing till 1 am on a Sunday. Supervisor Liccar will check this and report it to the proper authorities to them. They are applying for farm tourism permits. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the problem starts with the County Zoning of allowing the 5-acre plots to have unlimited animals of all types. It was suggested to have professional protestors like PETA.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – Two residents were present to ask about the permits for Balmoral Park and we quite concern about the lack of concern of the Land Use Committee in Joliet. Crete Fire District and Supervisor Liccar are sending letters of opposition to the Land Use Committee before next week's meeting. Unfortunately, our opposition goes under heard. Any complaints against the company it is Land Use Committees problem. and those complaints fall on deaf ears. The owners does whatever he wants and till we court order there is nothing we can do.

CORRESPONDENCE – Supervisor Liccar mentioned a 7.5% increase in health insurance costs via our group health insurance carrier. A motion was to cover the full-time employee's health insurance costs by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins - yes Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervision Liccar brought up the auditors want to get approval each time we pay the health insurance premium cost for the full-time employees. They want to formalize this process. A motion was made to approve the monthly automatic debit for this health insurance cost each month by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins - yes Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

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APPROVAL OF Town Fund Bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. 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 Elton, 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.

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

Meeting stands adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk