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State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 14, 2024

The Special board 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 Hawkins, Trustee Piacentini, 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 January 10, 2024, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Directors meeting on January 24, 2024, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he has been in correspondence with the Sertoma Star Board. We express our condolences and sympathy for the unexpected loss of their President Dan Frick. He has requested an extension for using the ARPA funds till June 30, 2024. The County did approve the extension. So we will be pushing back the Special Electors Meeting to approve the building purchase to a later date.

Balmoral Park 2021, LLC. submitted a new temporary use permit on the last business day of 2023 for storage of the Ford trucks at the Balmoral Park location. Supervisor Liccar composed a letter stating out opposition of the permit. A motion was made to send this letter dated January 31, 2024, to the Will County Land Use Board by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. Supervisor Li 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.

A motion was made to approve the building usage application for the Pheasant Lake Estates Residence Coalition Board meeting, Saturday February 17, 9AM -11Am Conference Room 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.

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A motion was made to approve the building usage application for the Pheasant Lake Estates Residence Coalition membership meeting, Saturday, February 27, 2024, 6 PM- 9 PM Conference Room 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.

A motion was made to approve the building usage application for the Crete Township GOP Monthly Meetings, last Saturday of each month 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM by Trustee Elton, Seconded by Trustee Hawkins. 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.

A motion was made to approve \$2675.00 for the planters, insect control, spring and fall flowers maintenance and perennials done JTP Lawncare, Inc 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.

A motion was made to support the Crete Monee University Park Baseball and Softball for \$300 for Team Sponsor and an ad on the fence area by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. 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.

A motion was made to support the F-Men for their 31st Easter Egg Hunt for \$500 by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. . 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: Early voting is March 11 – 16, 2024.

Supervisor Liccar - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner – See Attached Report from Supervisor Recupito.

Assessor: See attached the report from the Assessor

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski had nothing to report.

Liaison Property Code Report – Supervisor Liccar did receive a complaint from one resident who said that one of his neighbors rented his residence as air and b property and there was a wild party ensued one evening. Will county Land user have no restrictions on it. We do not have any jurisdiction. If any person tears up any property like in the ditches and front lawns the owner is responsible for the repairs. Supervisor Recupito reached out to the owner and reiterates this is not recommended in the township and they are held liable.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton announced that the men’s bathrooms is setup and the women’s bathroom will be worked on and be done in 2 weeks or so. He will be replacing the hose so to water the plants or get a self-watering system. The one suirts very hard.

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Senior Transportation – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that he has not received a bill recently and the average costs went down, and the ridership is up. Supervisor Liccar attended, and Pam Vasquez attended a workshop to hear concerns about the Will Ride program.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht stated that the Crete Monee Park district will be hosting a Juneteenth event at a park district facility. They ask if Crete Township to run the kid's game. Trustee Albrecht mentioned that she needs volunteers. It will be held on June 15 from 1- 3 PM

Mosquito Abatement – Nothing to report.

Senior –Trustee Hawkins mentioned that the Senior Corned beef Dinner will be a drive thru on March 21, 2024, 11:30 Am to 2 PM. She is also organizing an electronic recycling event on May 18, 2024, from 9 AM to 11 AM. Later this year, she is planning a Christmas lunch at Drury Lane in December and the seniors will pay for this out of their own pocket.

Special Events - Nothing

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that University Park Fire chief passed and we send our condolences to the board and his family.

Trustee Albrecht mentioned that the Crete Mayor Einhorn has been diagnosed with blood leukemia and he will be out for a month.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – A citizen asked about the building special electors meeting. Supervisor Liccar stated that it will be in late March. He will keep us posted and stated that the grant of \$822,000 came in. If by the end of March if we don't get the approval of electors, then we lose it. County can pull it at any time.

CORRESPONDENCE – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that State Representative Anthony DeLuca about his legislation to establish a 500-foot setback by residence home throughout Illinois. Great piece of legislation by our representative in Springfield.

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

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Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk