

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 13, 2024

The regular 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 February 14, 2024, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he has been in correspondence with Will County ARPA grant board regarding getting an extension on the \$822,000 grant money due to the unexpected death of Sertoma New Star president, Dan Strick. He has requested an extension for using the ARPA funds till June 30, 2024. The County did approve the extension. He also reached out to will County Board about using this grant money for a new construction of a building if the electors don't want to purchase the building. The Will County board said that we could keep the grant money for new construction.

Supervisor Liccar did send a non-binding letter of intent to the Sertoma New Star Board of Directors to purchase the building for \$1,300,000. They did approve the purchase price and they are aware that we can't buy the building without the public elector's permission. The price they are asking for this building for less than \$500,000 so this New Star Building is true value for this community. A new building this size would cost at least 10 million dollars to build. Trustee Elton wanted the meeting in April not in May. He believes there is no preparation since we had a presentation last summer. Assessor Tamaz mentioned that she hears from citizens who don't want to see their taxes go up. Trustee Albrecht says there are people who do fundraisers in her family, and she knows grant writer who can get us funds.

A motion was made to hold the Special Electors meeting on May 14, 2024, by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – begrudging 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 and publish the Annual Town Hall agenda to be held on April 9, 2024, by Trustee Hawkins 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.

The Decennial Meeting of Efficient Government will be on Thursday, April 28, 2024 at 4 PM at the Town Hall.

The Budget Workshop will be held on April 18, 2024, at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made to nominate Supervisor Liccar as our representative to be on the Crete Country Christmas Committee 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.

Supervisor Liccar recognized Tim Miller who has done over 40 years' service to the Crete Township. He read the resolution to the audience, and everyone applauded his hard work to our community. The resolution will be placed in the township records and books. A motion was made to recognize the resolution and to put this resolution in the Crete Township books and records by Supervisor Liccar, 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.

Tim Miller appreciated the recognition, and he plans on keeping working for many years. Supervisor Recupito suggested he should get a special medal of honor for surviving in this township for 40 years.

Clerk: Early voting is March 11 – 16, 20. Clerk Buitter mentioned that torn out was low.

Clerk Buitter mentioned about the Statement of Economic interest are due May 1, 2024.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that Clerk Buitter had reached out to the Will County Clerk's office to verify if it was okay to hold the board meeting in the large meeting room. The clerk employee said it was okay to have the meeting with the voting equipment is very secure and our password sensitive..

Supervisor Liccar - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner – See Attached Report from Supervisor Recupito. He had health issue and is doing some rehab and we wish him well.

Assessor: See attached the report from the Assessor

Plan Commission – John Rzymski had nothing to report.

Liaison Property Code Report – No report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton announced that there was a little leak and he called some one came out to fix it and it is working fine now.

Senior Transportation – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that he has not received a bill recently and there was no new report.

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Youth – Trustee Albrecht stated that the Crete Monee School District is doing something for Juneteenth on June 15, 2024, from 1-3 PM at their facility and she is looking for volunteers. They ask if Crete Township would run the canteen so we will be providing popcorn. Trustee Albrecht mentioned that she needs volunteers. In the next few weeks there will be a lot of Easter Egg Hunts and other holiday festivities sponsored by the park district and other agencies.

Mosquito Abatement – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that H e has talked to Jack at Clark Equipment. Assessor Tamaz might know someone she will keep us posted.

Senior – Trustee Hawkins mentioned that there is an electronic recycling event happening on May 18, 2024 from 9 AM to 11:00 AM. Trustee Hawkins mentioned that the Senior Corned beef Dinner will be a drive thru on March 21, 2024, 11:30 Am to 2 PM. Trustee Hawkins mentioned that Youth Committee and Senior Committee is going half and half on the popcorn popper machine so we will have to something to eat at all these events.

Special Events - Nothing

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – – A resident asked about the building cost of enhancing the structure and what that will cost. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the original builder will have artistic drawings of what the building will look like once we remodel the building. We must work on the building overtime, and we can control some of these costs by getting grants to offset these costs. Trustee Elton mentioned that we were approached to do a crochet class and after 15 minutes 15 people said they would sign up. After a few days we have over 50 participants to sign up. Citizen Jim Hanus, owner of Cabinet Fabrication, Inc. in Crete Township is willing to have a woodworking/ cabinet manufacturing classes for the public. He wants to keep his trade going forward and keep his trade alive and ongoing. Collector Howard mentioned that we need to get the word out about this building and to look at why we need this building and what it can do for the community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

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 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. 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.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk