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County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 6, 2024

The Special board meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 4:00 PM.

Board members present were Trustee Elton, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Piacentini, and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buiter was also present. Assessor Tamez was also present.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he will give a presentation on the new building at the public electors meeting next week. He stated that he will not put any more money into the capital improvement since we have enough to purchase the New Sertoma building. On the will ride program will be costing us nothing since the Will County Board put a line item to fund the Will Ride expense for the entire year of 2024. That will save us approximately \$38,000. He put the budgeted money into the New Star building operating costs. He reached out to the school Supervisor of the Crete Monee High School, and they were interested in utilizing some of the space for different programs. If the New Star building purchase does not get approved by the electors, they are interested in buying the property themselves. ON the Seniors he put the money back in their programs and Assessor Tamez got her changes. He looked at last year's budget and increased the contingencies line item to \$57,500. That is a cushion for the worst-case scenario. He also increased the New Star building budget for some of the unknowns of operating the new building. On Will Ride, Judy Ogalla was not happy that the Executive Committee put the whole Will Ride expense in the county budget. For Assessor Tamez's request for payroll, training and equipment increase he did that for her in her budget. There are cushions for all committees' budgets for any additional costs. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that Judy Ogalla stated that there is more ARPA money that is still available. They won't be talking about this until next month so he was sending a note mentioning that we might need additional money to build the facility once we get in there. He also mentioned our Elected official State Representative Nick Smith was sending a letter recommending us to go after some State of Illinois grants that will be able. Trustee Elton has a problem building out the backroom with our excess capital improvement funds right away. He does not see spending \$500,000 on building out the backroom. Supervisor Liccar was still talking to people to grant money especially for the county and state governments. Trustee Albrecht mentioned she knows a grant writer and we utilize her as much as we can. She also mentioned that the South Suburban Youth Orchestra group is interested in utilizing the back area also.

Supervisor Liccar then showed his presentation in quite detail. The presentation looked good and important and vital discussions went on. This is what he showed at the public hearing on May 13, 2024, at the New Star building. He also mentioned that this building is easily accessible to all Will County Residents. The presentation will be on the website in the next day or so. Financial were discussed and there were some unknowns in the operating cost but we can fund them with our current budget with

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the contingencies. It was decided to give ballots only to registered voters and will give it to them when they registered and given when they enter the backroom. The people counting the ballots will be picked by the electors and should be residents of Crete Township.

A motion was made to adjourn the special board meeting 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. Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk