

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 14, 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 Buitter was also present.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors meeting on June 10, 2024, was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

Motion to approve the minutes of the special Board of Directors meeting on August 8, 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 items are moving quicker than anticipated. The attorney confirmed that a community center is allowed in R-1 zone. The county does not have a community center description. Supervisor Liccar is looking into negotiating with the New Star Seroma board about renting office space and swapping furniture and equipment. Also, we are also looking into other related matters. Clerk Buitter setup and inspection of the building. Waiting for the inspection report and wanting to have a thorough job done on the building. He will keep us posted once he receives the report. He is organizing a public meeting on September 12, 2024, at 6 PM with all the community organizations that want to participate in the community center. It will be open to all the public.

A motion was to sponsor the Crete Country Christmas event for \$5,000 by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. 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. Motion passes.

Board member Judy Ogalla is organizing a After Hours event at Bult Field in Monee, IL. There is an RSVP number to call. Please try to attend.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that there will be a Decennial Committee meeting on August 26, 2024, at 4:30 PM.

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A motion was made to approve the building usage application for the Crete Women's Club monthly board meetings posted on the application through 2025 9:00 AM through 11:30 AM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. 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. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner – A motion was made to approve for the Road District to secure loan in the amount of \$159,312.00 for the purchase of a 2025 International Plow/Dump truck with a 4-year term. See Attached Report from Supervisor Recupito. All were in favor. 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. Motion passes.

See Attached Report from Highway Commissioner Recupito.

Assessor: See Attached Report from Assessor Tamez

A motion was made stating the Crete Township Board formally reject all future solar farms since there are environmental issues including soil, air and water concerns, these operators have a history violating their use permits and we have no way to enforce the regulations against these companies and these solar projects tend to cause reduction in property values, by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. 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. Motion passes.

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski had nothing to report.

Liaison Property Code Report – No report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton said he had the basement leak repaired and is working on Mary's Door. He has the generator once a year. and will be working on replacing the door. After that door replacement we should be in fine shape.

Senior Transportation – Trustee Piacentini had nothing to report.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht stated that the township had hosted on August 10th a kid's; garage sale in our parking lot and there will be back to school supplies handed out and free popcorn. 50 students participated in this event. Acorn Fest is coming up in September and she will keep us posted.

Mosquito Abatement – Faye Kiaurakis stated the pickup is working properly. She informs us that there was a West Nile Virus case reported, and they are very concerned.

Senior – Trustee Hawkins mentioned that the Senior Picnic was held August 1, 2024. Trustee Hawkins appreciated all the help especially Patty and Pam. Magic is the theme this year and Jimboo's Catering served the food. There were plenty of parking spots available.

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Special Events - Nothing

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –

CORRESPONDENCE – The Crete Historical Society sent a letter thanking us for our corporate annual membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

APPROVAL OF Town Fund Bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented 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 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 Piacentini, 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 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk