

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 9, 2025

The regular board meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 7:00 PM.

The 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees Meeting on March 12, 2025, was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting on March 31, 2025, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the community center has been quite busy and board members and Fay our coordinator, have done a fabulous job. He also thanked Trustee Elton and Trustee Hawkins on working with Will County agencies to try to get grant money for the commercial kitchen. We have put together proposal to the Will County agency who passes the application onto the deciding committee. There are several clubs utilizing the building including On the Move women's club, the walking club, and there is a pickle ball club. We have had discussions with the Will County Health Board about setting up a program for our youth. children. Trustee Elton and Trustee Hawkins have setup a senior's Club and programs with the Catholic Charities are forming. Crete Historical has on display some historical documents including the original minutes of the establishment of the township. Also, we would like to remind citizens that we are celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Crete Township. We hope to put together a 175<sup>th</sup> celebration on the first weekend of June. We keep everyone posted.

Our event coordinator position has grown into a full-time position with salary and benefits. A motion was to expand this role to a full-time position with benefits 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 budget workshop date has been set up for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM in the Town Hall building. It is open to the public.

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A motion was made to approve the Building Usage Application for the Community Center for Exhaust LLC 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.

A motion was made to approve the Building Usage Application for the Community Center for the Fairways Group to host their events, Large Meeting Room, June 21, July 19, August 16, 2025, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM 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 Community Center for the Crete Lions Club for their community event in April, Large Meeting Room, 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. Motion passes.

A motion was made to approve the Building Usage Application for the Town Hall meeting, Conference Room for the Crete Bulldogs monthly Board Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7-9 PM, 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.

CLERK: Clerk Buiter – General discussion about the low turn out in the early voting and how they certified the vote. Supervisor Liccar congratulated Clerk Buiter and Deputy Clerk Patty Hanus on running a very efficient early voting this year.

Supervisor Liccar - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner – See Attached Report from Highway Commissioner Recupito.

Assessor: See Attached Report from Assessor Tamez

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he filed our opposition to the farm animals' situation with one of the properties with the Will County Land Use.

Liaison Property Code Report – No report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton mentioned that the back wall in the big room will be completed. The big question is it is blue or gray in color. He also is taking the inventory of the items left behind. He is also looking for TVs for the senior club meetings that are in working order. There is a lot going on in the Community Center and there are a lot of people volunteering to help.

Senior Transportation – Trustee Piacentini – Nothing back from Joliet but there will be a meeting in Joliet by the end of April that he plans on attending.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht stated that she has some volunteers for her event coming up. She is working with the Crete Bulldogs cheerleader group for some sessions. The fishing clinic will be held in the next months. There are seven kids signed up and their flyers are out in the schools and computer app for parents to look into via the online system. couple months. Coordinator Fay mentioned she received

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three grants so far and will take some pictures and send them to that grant board and next time we will be able to get bigger grant money.

Mosquito Abatement – Fay Kiaurakis stated that she is getting the truck ready. She got the chemicals and is waiting to start spraying in May and June.

Senior – Trustee Hawkins stated that there will be an electronic recycling event at 9 :00 AM through 11:00 AM at the Community Center. Only one TV allowed, and shredding paper and prescription bottles are allowed to be dropped off. She also started a martial arts type class for seniors in May. A balancing class for seniors will start on May 9. Getting strong, class will start in August. Also, we will have coffee time with the seniors on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 9 AM through 11 AM. We are starting bingos with seniors who will bring in some type of trinkets to win. She stated that there is a lot going on at the community center.

Special Events – Trustee Elton stated there will be a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on June 7, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS – A motion was to donate \$1000 to the Crete EMA for their new equipment by Trustee Hawkins, 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.

## NEW BUSINESS –

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD Tiffany Sturdivant mentioned that she was appreciative of all the work being done by everyone and that we keep her informed of things happening via website and agendas.

A concerned citizen mentioned the houses with overgrown grass and weeds on houses. Supervisor Liccar mentioned these matters are Will “Country Land Use. We have sent letters of objection and concerns to Will County.

A lengthy discussion ensued about a property on Sty6gate Line where there is consistent flooding whenever there is a rainstorm. He has talked to Tony and Tony claims that the culvert is high, and the area is a wetland area. Highway Commissioner Recupito mentioned that there was a fence installed, and the garbage and logs would get jammed up and now the fence was cut out. His suggestion is to fill up the area of lowness since we can't go on his property to solve the culverts.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we don't deal with flooding since that is Land Use Agency. Many citizens think we own the creeks and streams but if it runs through your property, it is your problem. The water comes from Indiana residents who is pumping water to drain a lake. Highway Commissioner Recupito mentioned that he has been doing this for 18 years and the township does not have authority. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the citizens need to go to Will County Board. The residents do not hear about township recommendations. Trustee Elton mentioned to the citizen to go to Will County and to follow Highway Commissioner's recommendation of filling in the low lying area.

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CORRESPONDENCE –

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 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. 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 Hawkins – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Road and Bridge Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk