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State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 14, 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 Buitter 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 April 9, 2025, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting on April 28, 2025, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Publication Budget Meeting on May 5, 2025, was made by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the community center has been quite busy. We have a Will County Emergency Management Agency to allow them to use the community center in case. They don't pay anything for rent/usage but for any out-of-pocket costs from a declared emergency. They also wanted to have a unification center in case of a school incidents like an active shooting. A motion was to sign an agreement with the Will County EMA, which can cancel within 30 days by Supervisor Liccar, 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 Crete Bulldogs Cheer Camp 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 to reaffirm the Establishment of the Capital Improvement Fund in June 2018 by the Board of Directors by Supervisor Liccar, 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.

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A motion was made to support the Crete Remembers Memorial Parade through a \$500 donation by Trustee Albrecht, 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.

Supervisor Liccar received a letter from Will County Center for Community Centers. They are an excellent agency that provides many residents with assistance like LIHEAP to pay their gas bills. They do have many other programs to assist seniors and other disadvantaged citizens.

A motion was made to approve the Building Usage Application for the Community Center for the Crete Lions Club by Trustee Albrecht, second by Trustee Elton. Large Meeting Room, May 10, 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 Crete Bulldogs Monthly Board Meeting Town Hall Meeting Room second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 – 9:00 PM 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.

A motion was made to approve the Building Usage Application for the Crete Food Pantry Board Meeting Town Hall, Conference Room, May 22, 2025, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM 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 Ridgefield HOA Annual Meeting, Town Hall Conference Room, November 6, 2025, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM 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.

CLERK: Clerk Buitter – Clerk Buitter mentioned that all Statement of Economic Interest were all turned in on a timely fashion. He appreciated the effort for the cooperation.

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 – He mentioned that there is one property that is having issues but it will be resolved in couple months. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he wants to file any opposition to the court system and not to the Land Use Department. John Rzymiski turned in four letters of inspection of houses with lawn violations and 10 days he goes back out to inspect and then he sends fines and recommendations to the Land Use.

Liaison Property Code Report – No report

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Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton mentioned that there is a lot of things going in the new community center. He had 95 emergency lights replaced. He also had the fire extinguishers inspected so they can pass inspections. He installed no trespassing signs to keep in good graces with the insurance companies. There was a wrestling club event that was very nice and peaceful. He also mentioned that he will be starting on the asphalt and replacing some of the rough spots and then next month we will sealcoat the remaining good spots. for the back wall in the big room will be completed. We fix the front of the Town Hall building with replacement bricks and grass sod.

Senior Transportation – Trustee Piacentini – Nothing back from Joliet.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht stated that she has no plans for the youth. She mentioned that our Community Center coordinator is working on getting the Secretary of State office temporarily set up to administrate driver's license/state ID. She is working with her on bicycle safety and instructions on how to handle honeybees.

Mosquito Abatement – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that they are looking for a new applicator since Fay is going to be the new community center coordinator. He ordered the spray for about \$12,000, saving some money through Clark Equipment. He also placed ads for a new applicator on Facebook and other social media outlets.

Community Center – Coordinator Kiaurakis passed out thick package of certain items of interest of what items are going in the new community center. There are a lot of details of what she has been doing to get many activities in the new building. She has a directory of the different rooms, so people know where to go to go if they get lost. She is looking to do the Garage Sale with Trustee Albrecht on June 6, but Supervisor Liccar mentioned that they might want to do it when Crete has their garage sale. She will investigate it.

Senior – Trustee Hawkins stated that their Catholic Charities have a lot of activities which are posted on our website. Come check it out.

Special Events – Trustee Elton stated there will be a 175th anniversary celebration on September 6, 2025, Saturday after Labor Day.

OLD BUSINESS – Supervisor Liccar and Clerk Buitter attended TOI Lobby Day in Springfield on April 29, 2025. Supervisor Liccar tried to meet with all three representatives but could only meet up with Thaddeus Jones, Napoleon Hill and Patrick Joyce. He gave the presentations of the community center and informed them what we are trying to do in Crete Township. He could not meet with Nick Smith, but he will reach his office to set up time to meet after the legislature is out of action. Clerk Buitter had the opportunity to talk to Anthony Deluca about some grant money for the new community center and invited him to the 175th Anniversary.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the rebates from real estate taxes since some towns and businesses claim we did not spend enough money. He is working with our attorney to resolve this matter. He will keep us posted about the resolution.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that our technology group has purchased a company that focuses on monitoring all the PCs and repairs on technology systems. The quote for these services will be \$510 a month for the first year. A motion was made to accept the Interpeak Technology LLC contract for the

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aforsaid amount by Supervisor Liccar, 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.

NEW BUSINESS –

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - Fay Kiaurakis resigned her position as community center coordinator effectively immediately. There was also a comment by a concerned citizen who thanked all the trustees and supervisors for their service. She also expressed concern about the different usage fees for separate entities who want to use the community center building. She was disappointed with the lack of management skills all around and hopes this changes and that the Township just lost an asset to the community and good employee.

CORRESPONDENCE – Trustee Albrecht mentioned that she went to Village of Crete, and they received a permit from Will County Land Use to put our electronic sign for our community center. We have know idea why it was sent to them but just to make sure they are aware of this new sign and to see if they are okay with it.

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.

Supervisor Liccar read resolution recognizing the public service of Trustee Piacentini from August 2001 through May 18, 2025. A motion was made to recognize this resolution by Supervisor Liccar, 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.

Clerk Buitter swore in all the elected officials except for Assessor Tamez since she gets sworn in January 2026. He handed over their loyalty to the Oath of Office for their records.

A motion was made to suspend the general session and begin an Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss personnel matters by Supervisor Liccar, 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 reconvene the general meeting at 8:55 PM by Supervisor Liccar, 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 to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk