

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 22, 2025

The special board meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 6:00 PM.

The board members present were Trustee Elton, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Sterdivant, and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buiter was also present.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar started the meeting discussing the items of attention that we are organizing for the 175th Anniversary (See below). Many of the leaders of the different community organizations were present. Some of the community organizations that are involved were Crete Area Historical Society, Lions Club, Crete Woman's Club, American Legion, and other organizations. Will County Board member Sherry Newquist was also present. The discussion was quite robust and full of great ideas. There will be a lot of different activities for adults and children alike. The activities run the gambit from marching band performance, Veterans and first responders' activities, Abe Lincoln impersonation, Willard and Dyantha Wood Impersonators, candle making, blacksmith, soap making, farming practices, and other 1850's type activities.

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175TH ANNIVERSARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MEETING NOTES
JULY 14, 2025

- Dedication of the Community Center.
 - Decorations.
 - CMHS Marching Band.
 - CMHS ROTC Color Guard to present the flags.
 - Recognition of veterans.
 - Recognition of first responders.
 - Short speeches ("Be Brief, Be Brilliant, Be Gone").
- Tents/booths featuring our local government units, civic organizations and non-profits.
- Historical re-enactments in 1850 period costumes to demonstrate life in Crete during its founding:
 - Candle making demos.
 - Blacksmithing.
 - Soap making.
 - Farming.
 - Kettle corn making.
 - Abraham Lincoln impersonator (the country in the 1850s).
 - Willard and Dyantha Wood impersonators (would answer questions about themselves and life in Crete in the 1850s).
 - Horse riding demos.
 - Antique tractors/automobiles.
- Old fashioned family games/activities:
 - Apple bobbing or alternatively, "donut bobbing".
 - Knapsack or 3-legged race.
 - Bale tossing.
 - Pie contest.
 - Cake walk.
 - Pumpkin decorating.
 - Pony rides.
 - Miniature horses.
 - Petting zoo?
- Bouncy House/Water Slide for the children.
- Antique auction/sale?
- Showcase local talent:
 - Children's dance and music groups.
 - Local bands, singers, musicians.
 - Dancers.
 - Visual art.

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Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk