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Board of Trustees

November 12, 2025, 7 PM

Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call was as follows: Supervisor Liccar, Trustee Elton, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Sterdivant were present. Clerk Buiters was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve October 8, 2025, Board Meeting minutes, A motion 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes related to the USA Fest planning committee on October 25, 2025. Trustee Elton moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the Tax Levy Special Board Meeting minutes on November 4, 2025. Trustee Albrecht moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Citizen Ray Maddox presented the board with a poster of former old township town halls. Supervisor Liccar accepted and showed our appreciation of the effort and the poster.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we approved a capital improvement fund in the budget meeting of April 2018 and 2019 and it was mentioned in the February 14th, 2018 and May 9th, 2018 minutes of the board meeting. Attached is the proclamation:

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCUMULATION OF FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Crete Township (“Township”), Will County, Illinois, is an Illinois township duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, including the Illinois Township Code, and a unit of local government as defined in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Section 235-5(9) of the Illinois Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/235-5(9) permits townships to accumulate monies for specific capital improvement projects and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees deems it prudent financial management to establish a policy to require the accumulation of dedicated funds to address infrastructure repair/replacement and other issues related to ongoing maintenance of the buildings and property owned by the Township; and

WHEREAS, certain repairs and maintenance items will require significant expenses and it is necessary for the Township to accumulate and dedicate funds for the repairs to avoid significant tax increases in the years in which significant repairs may be needed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees of Crete Township, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. Capital Fund.

It shall be the policy of the Township to establish a designated Capital Fund that shall be used for the exclusive purpose of accumulating funds to support the improvements, repairs to or replacement of the buildings and properties owned or leased by the Township, as well as for the ongoing maintenance of the same. The designated Capital Fund shall have no minimum balance but shall accumulate funds in the Township corporate fund until appropriated by formal Township Board action. Such funds shall be accumulated in an amount deemed appropriate annually by the Township Supervisor and Township Board during the adoption of the Township’s annual budget or any subsequent amendments to that budget. The initial funding for the accumulation will be

\$ 538,472.88, effective immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution.

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SECTION 2. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its publication and passage.

SECTION 3. Conflicts

Any resolution in conflict with this Resolution is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO RESOLVED this __4th__ day of November, 2025.

Crete Township

Michael Liccar, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Jim Buitter, Township Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor Liccar, seconded Trustee Elton to approve this Capital Improvement and Accumulation Fund. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar also mentioned that the nonprofit status for that organization was approved by the State of Illinois and we received a FEIN number from the IRS. Our Attorney mentioned that when we receive any property, land and other donations are tax deductible. that they will be tax deductible. We also will be able to get grant money from many different agencies and committees. Once we receive donations we will issue a tax donation letter. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to establish a Crete Township will establish a Crete Township Historical Association which would include all the historical societies in the different towns in the area 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccaar presented Kirk Bonomo, who is a music instructor and will be working with the youth. He is excited to start this program and he has lived for 24 years and he will

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get the kids involved and get them off the phones. The kickoff date is February 7, 2026, as a possible open house. Trustee Sterdivant introduces Mister Rossi to Supervisor Liccar who owns Rossi Music Store in Oak Lawn. The program is going to be named The Rock Revolution Music Program. A motion was made to appoint Kurt Bonomo as the director of this program who is voluntary to do this to get this program started, 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned Chris and Wendy Plymert who Closet Collectibles up here. We are kicking around the area for collectibles and antiques and artwork events. He and Carol Milsap met with them and discussed setting up separate shows for different areas of interest like antiques, artwork, collectibles and other venues. A motion was made to establish a Crete Township Epic Collectibles Extravaganza event for March 14, 2026, 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to approve Crete Town Hall Usage Application: Crete Area Historical Society, General Membership Meeting, Large Meeting Room, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19, 2026, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Sterdivant. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to approve Crete Town Hall Usage Application: Crete Rural Park District Conference Room, January 21, April 22, July 22, and October 21, 2026, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM by Trustee Sterdivant, Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to approve Crete Town Hall Usage Application: Crete Area Historical Society, Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, and December 9, 2026, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

CLERK

Just back from TOI Educational Conference in Springfield. Very informative about different subject matters on budgeting, Open Meetings Act.

SUPERVISOR:

Financial Reports: See Attached

Highway Commissioner – See Attached Report from Highway Commissioner.

Assessor: See Attached Report from Assessor Tamez

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ACTIVITY REPORTS

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski

John Rzymiski reported that the Will County Forest Preserve Purchased 495 acres and put it the Plum Creek Division. It is located by the Badlands property right off I-395. They are extending the trail to that area of the township. He also mentioned two solar farms are applying for permits. One is by the Taco Bell are off I -394 and in back are of the houses by Kohls. Another solar farm will also be on Volbrecht Road between Richton Road and Steger Road. They had a hearing on October 27, 2025, but we were not informed. The tiny home application was denied and now goes to the full county board where it should be denied by the full board. Now the local zoning planning administrator will have to go through his/her whole board. This makes it a little bit more restrictive. The group home on King's Road is getting approval, but the fire department has to approve the sprinkler system. There is discussion about the wetland lands removal process is being working on and still needs approval. On Exchange Road, the sheep and goat farm operated a slaughterhouse to butcher according to their religious traditions. It is now shutdown since there are regulations overseeing that process.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton

Trustee Elton reported that all the furnaces in both these buildings are working. In the community center two of three furnaces are working. One furnace is waiting for parts. The back area of the property has been mowed down and is looking nice. The toilet was also repaired.

Community Center Events – Trustee Albrecht

Trustee Albrecht mentioned that she is getting ready for the toy drive with Angels of Assignment. She has 6 garbage cans full and this year she has an application to ensure that needy kids get the toys and the parents pay \$3.00 per child and each child gets 5 toys and the money will be donated to the Food Pantry, It will be set up December 13 and 14, 2025. November 13 will be the first blood drive at the center. The Crete Bulldogs cheerleaders have been practicing in our big room for the last few months. Carol Milsap that we are getting a lot of phone calls for after school events and a lot of outside interest.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar

Supervisor Liccar reported that we have not received any reports in the last two months, but he will keep us posted.

Youth – Trustee Sterdivant

Trustee Sterdivant reported that the youth will be visiting the St. James Nursing home and spend time with the visitors. They will also be visiting around Thanksgiving Day/Weekend. She will be working with Carol about storing some items in a room.

Mosquito Abatement – Jose Ojeda

Supervisor Liccar reported on behalf of Jose Ojeda that mosquito has been completed, and the equipment is winterized.

Senior Events – Trustee Hawkins

Trustee Hawkins announced several upcoming events:

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Free Oak Classic: Mondays, 10:30-11:30 AM, September 15-November 24 (bingo)

Programs on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Bingo Exercise will start up and go through March, 2026.

Blood drive with Versatile and Mamba's 27th Fire Department: November 13, 9 AM-1 PM.

The Senior Luncheon will be held on December 18, 2025, from 11:30 AM till midafternoon.

There is a raffle a for a gingerbread house and she will have more information.

Trustee Hawkins thanked the Fun timers and all who supported their booth at the various events we have.

Special Events – Trustee Elton

There will be an employee/staff Christmas party on December 23, 2025, at Scrementinis Restaurant.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Sterdivant mentions the resolution on the property tax relief amendment. It appears they want to tax millionaires. If it will be on the ballot, binding referendum will be voted on in the March primary. Assessor Tamez questioned who will get the tax rebates and where the money is coming. Supervisor Liccar does not like how the referendum is worded and also will drive more citizens and businesses out of the state. Once they raise the income where will it go. Trustee Elton voiced that he was against the referendum. Trustee Sterdivant has worked with groups who want stop funding public schools via real estate taxes. She likes having the conservation and is involved in property tax issues in Cook County. She would like to have the referendum on the ballot.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Liccar received a letter from Community Concern Committee, and they are looking for donations of canned foods and coats and gloves. We also received a letter from Representative Anthony DeLuca who supported the State of Illinois Budget and acknowledge that Representative Thaddeus Jones accomplished getting the \$150,000 for the community center. Supervisor Liccar will send a thank you letter to him.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: TOWN FUND

A motion was made to approve the Town Fund bills 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passe

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ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

A motion was made to approve the Road and Bridge Fund bills by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Sterdivant. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was to suspend the regular board meeting and go into Executive session by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular scheduled Board Meeting by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM
