

Board of Trustees
March 11, 2026, 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 Buitter was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the Crete Township USA Fest special meeting on February 10, 2026. A motion was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2026. Board of Trustees meeting as written A was moved by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens, to address the board:

Crete Village Trustee Keith Miller mentioned that he is working with Will County and the Village of Crete EMA department to allow the new community center to be used in an emergency-use building. Supervisor Liccar mentioned he talked to Shaun Pierce from Will Country EMA. Who informed him that we could use it mainly for major emergency situations like an active shooter situation or an overturned vehicle causing major disruption in the community. This does not include natural disasters like tornados or other events. The discussion is ongoing and rolling. Trustee Miller mentioned he is working on intergovernmental government agreements. He will keep us posted on when the village of Crete is done with their review. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that when the agreement is finalized, we will have to trained professionals and staff to man the building in these situations. We will be looking at generators once we get our 501c(3) since many utilities and public service companies donate these items to nonprofits.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor Liccar introduced Mike Stanula, Supervisor of Washington and who is the architect who is working with us Community Kitchen. Supervisor Liccar thought we were granted \$150,000 but we will need to go through an application process via Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity so it will be a little longer and there will be more restrictions also the manager that assigned to us is only available by email. It is a grant application since it was not a direct budget item. It is under Rebuild Illinois Bond Program. It is done as reimbursement process, so we need to spend the money first and pay later. He distributed a copy of the plans that Mike Stanula put together. Trustee Elton has taken on the leadership of this project since he is involved in the food and hospitality sector, and Mike Stanula has been very helpful putting together the cost estimates for this project. The Crete Lions Club has received a \$25,000 grant from the Rise program from Earthwise Company for equipment for the Community Kitchen. He also received an email that they are reopening the application process for Community Block Grant. A motion was made to approve the Community Kitchen Project 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.

Supervisor Liccar updates us with the grants. We are registered to receive grants from the federal state block grants. He mentioned he worked with Trustee Sturdivant and House of Representative Robin Keely's office to apply for a \$159,000 youth grant which could be used for the robotic activities and the Rock Revolution program. He also applied through Will County for a garden program for a community garden and we received \$3700 for this project. He is in discussion with our grant writer and sees what she is offering to us.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned a resolution for the Youth Program Read the resolution and a motion was made to adopt this resolution for the youth program by Supervisor Liccar, 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 the memorandum of understanding between Will County Center for Community Concerns and Crete Township 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.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we are all working together especially with the Community Center coordination and. each other.

A budget meeting/workshop will be April 27, 2026, st 4 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made to donate of \$500 to Steger’s America’s 250th Anniversary Celebration Donation by Trustee Sterdivant, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – abstain, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to donate \$300 to the Crete-Monee University Park Area Youth Baseball & Softball Program 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to donate \$200 to the Crete F-men Egg Hunt Donation by Trustee Hawkins, 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.

A motion was made to approve Crete Town Community Center Usage Application to Most Feed and Garden, Multipurpose Room, March 12, 2026, 3 PM- 10 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 Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar. Motion carries.

A motion was made to approve Crete Town Community Center Usage Application to Shay Braxton Baby Shower, Room #7, May 9, 2026, 3 PM – 7

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. Motion carries.

A motion was made to approve a Building Usage Application to Crete Township Republican Organization, Conference Room, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 10, October 31, November 28, and December 26, 2026. 8:20 AM – 10:30 AM 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. Motion carries.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned about the FOIA request by a entity called Judiocracy,LLC. and he did a google search and found out that is a nonprofit who tries to get money from the different government entities when they don't comply with the requests. A motion was to make Trustee Sterdivant the new FOIA officer 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. Motion carries.

Clerk Buitter mentioned that early voting is going on through Friday. There have been 221 people have voted. Also, Statement of Economic Interests is due by May 1, 2026.

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 next Wednesday there will be a commercial utilities scale solar farm of 260 megawatts farm in Joliet. These will be spread

about between Crete, Monee, and Washington Township. He also mentioned that this company will lease 435 acres to do this project. Nothing on the Liaison portion of his responsibility.

Building and Grounds Committee – Trustee Elton

Trustee Elton mentioned he has a quote here to do our flower boxes out front for \$2,750. I recommend we go with the JTP Lawn Service, who does our snow removal and grass cutting and its summer and fall and winter. **A motion was made** to have JTP Lawncare, Inc. For to maintain our grass and snow and ice removal by Trustee Elton, second by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll call was as follows: Trustee Elton - Yes. Trustee Albrecht - Yes. Trustee Hawkins- Yes. Trustee Sturtevant - Yes. Supervisor Liccar-Yes. Motion carries.

Community Center Events – Trustee Albrecht, Coordinator Milsap

Trustee Albrecht mentioned on February 28 we had the little one's event with 17 little ones. We utilize the bouncy house and will be using it more often. Carol Milsapp handout notebooks with the current information. Carol Milsap donated all the food items and other items. Trustee Albrecht was very thankful and appreciated what Carol does for the center. Trustee Sterdivant is very impressed and happy with Carol overseeing the Community Center. Carol mentioned all events with security deposits, and she updated the forms for rental for residents and nonresidential and the charge per room.

Coordinator Milsap discussed we have a community center advisory board that assists us in assisting and helping the center. Some of the members emphasize the youth groups and have a lot of activities for them. She also mentioned that the renewals are down for On The Move group. There was general discussion about promotion so we can get more members. She will talk to the organizer to see what we can do for them. She also mentioned the Collectibles event coming up on Saturday. All the tables are sold out, and participants will be charged \$2 for an entry fee. Trustee Elton mentioned the painting of the room, and it is ready for this weekend. He also mentioned we will need to upgrade the electric system. She is looking to rent the jumpy house, but the renter will need to have as insurance. She also mentioned she does not have a budget She has asked Trustee Elton about the youth playground and Trustee Elton was perplexed.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the next transportation meeting will be held on January 29 in Joliet. They are talking =g to fund the program in 2026.

Youth – Trustee Sterdivant reported that the robotic youth workshop with our partner with three categories by ages: 6-8 9-12, and 13- 18. There will be enough room for 20 students in each class, and the class is two - three hours. The program will provide robots, and the student will program them. She also mentioned that she is talking to the music instructor of the Rock Revolution. She is also working on getting the rental agreement for the Band event. On March 14, 2026, there will be a youth career fair at Country Club Hills High School. She also mentioned that the scholarships season is here and the applications are available. She has had conversation with Representative Simms and set up a time for him to talk about working with the youths and residents. Trustee Sterdivant wants to start a scholarship program for high school and college students that will cover tuition and supplies and room and board. There will be certain criteria to get scholarships. A motion was made to establish the Crete Township Youth Scholarship Program as written to be modified accordingly as needed by Trustee Sterdivant, 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. Motion carries.

Mosquito Abatement – Jose Ojeda

Supervisor Liccar is working with Joe to discuss the program.

Senior Events – Trustee Hawkins

Trustee Hawkins thank everyone who helped at the Senior Dinner. There is new classes about the Bath session in March for 60 and up. Catholic Charities are there every week with events.

Programs on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

There are senior events on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at the Community Center

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

Special Events – Trustee Elton

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS –

A motion was made to approve the Annual Town Hall meeting Agenda 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 passe

CORRESPONDENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Liccar attended a General Assistance program in Bloomington and was very informative.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: TOWN FUND

A motion was made to approve the Town Fund bills by Trustee Elton, 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 passe

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

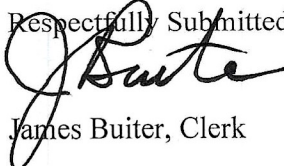
A motion was made to approve the Road and Bridge Fund bills by Trustee Sterdivant, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passe

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,


James Buitte, Clerk

Approved 4/8/2026