

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

April 27, 2026

The Budget Workshop meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 4:00 PM.

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

A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Highway Commissioner Recupito mentioned his budget was the \$175,000 Unrestricted grant that comes the Will County Forest Preserve District which is connecting the bike trail connecting Beemes Road and Burrville Road. This project will be done this year, but we will be paving all the roads in that subdivision. He puts together a lot of projects he wants to be done. Lately they have been coming in low, but he can't cut the budgets for the list because you never know when these costs will go up. He discussed his line items and Supervisor Liccar asked about the about any fees he gets from the solar farms. He mentioned he charges for engineering and will try to collect money from them for repairing the roads. Highway Commissioner mentioned that these solar farms are becoming a big problem in the township. For example, the 6000 acres solar farms as one project but each company has separate parcels. Each parcel should separate projects work permits. Also, roads will be torn up and rerouted once they start building these solar farms. His payroll includes an employee who is on sick leave but that will be cleaned up shortly. The salt line item will within reason but won't know the exact amount till September. The equipment Line includes a new plow, truck, and radio. He is also buying a new truck which is included on the next page. He is using a third-party vendor who will get the truck to us quicker than the direct

dealership. It will be around \$200,000. The problem with these trucks is the suspension system that salt causes the parts to decay and that is very costly, so this money is well spent. He does have \$20,000 for equipment in case a furnace or air conditioning units goes out. The streetlights are the same. He rents mini excavators to do his culvert work. It makes less holes which makes it less mess when they are installing the culverts. Insurance line is a best estimate, but he tries his best to come up A good number. The IMRF line is up due to the one person on sick leave. He does not know how much that will be. Trustee Sterdivant inquired about summer help for the Road and bridge department. He did look to get help picking up trash, but the liability issue put that to rest. He will look into to see if he can arrange anything and will keep us posted.

Next up was Assessor Tamez budget. Her line items did not change much. She mentioned that her courses are more expensive this year. Her class but this year has gone up but she is on TOI Assessor's Board and TOI pay half of it. If she gets off the board, it could triple but will discuss next year. She included the software line item included the new system that county is installing. Her regular payroll will get a 4% pay rise and the part-time measurers will get a 2% pay increase. Trustee Sturdivant mentioned about internships with the Assessor's office. Assessor mentioned that she will investigate it and get back to her.

Supervisor Liccar went into details of the Town Fund. The changes he mentioned these are little changes from year to year. The audit will increase to about \$2000. The mosquito control cost is being reduced since we don't have to order new chemicals. The contingencies were bumped so to balance the budget, and we still have those tax liability issues that could be as high as \$80,000. She wants Youth Services Committee to be budgeted for \$25,000. The other community services costs went up to \$31,600. Trustee Sterdivant wants to have a budget of \$53,000 for the Rock Revolution and revenue will show \$53,000. She also wants to include Mommy and me program as a line item. Supervisor Liccar will include \$10,000 as a line item but with corresponding \$10,000 on the revenue side. Trustee Hawkins would like to increase her senior line to \$25,000. Trustee Albrecht mentioned charging a nominal fee of around \$3 but it was pointed out that our seniors could barely come up with extra money to participate in the gingerbread raffle so we will not be charging anyone for lunches. We could put out a donation basket.

Supervisor Liccar went to the Community Center. He mentioned we should start charging more usage fees. One item will be an extra charge of an additional \$4200 annually for the Will County mental health room. He has not booked that yet, but He will keep us posted. On The Move item, includes \$11,000 will be improving when the snowbirds start showing up in late spring and summer. He included several expos and shows that should increase revenue by about \$10,000. Most Feed will come back. Leadership Classes should be back. The costs are close. Maintenance is a little lower since last year we spent a lot of one-time costs. Including in the 5345,000-line item was the grant from Build Illinois of \$150,000 and Lions Club's donation of \$25,000 and the Community Kitchen for \$100,000. He also included a gazebo of \$100,000, Walking path of \$15000, dock improvements of \$6,000 and upgraded security system of \$3500 and external lighting. He sent a letter to Patrick Joyce explaining all the different expenses we need for this community center. He also mentioned the buy a brick fundraising program. He is added another \$100,000 to the Capitol Improvement project. Glenwood School for Boys might have some equipment for us. Vince Scrementini was interested in donating some equipment also.

The General Assistance fund might change so the Supervisor's might have access Town Funds to fund the General Assistance. Trustee Sturdivant wants to make sure that there is enough funding for General Assistance.

Payroll was discussed. Elected officials stay the same. The employees will get a 2% pay increase. Carol will be about the same. Trustee Elton brought up the point that we have events at the building we should have our people be there. There might be a situation. He is referring to events in the middle and back of the building. Supervisor Liccar wants to create supervision of the events. Trustee Elton mentioned that they will be on payroll. Trustee Sterdivant is concerned about someone who can be there the whole time. We will call it Community Center security staff. The suggestion to pay them was \$15 an hour and most will be seniors. Jo Hansen comes 4 days a week and Carol is paid salary so per hour does not make a difference. We are keeping both part time.

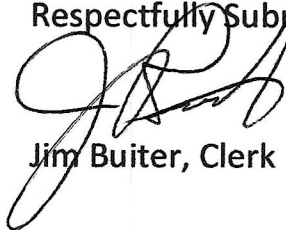
Clerk Buiter mentioned charging for the notary public services. Trustee Elton mentioned that we should charge \$10 and everyone agreed. Everyone agreed with the budget. A motion was to publish the final numbers and publication of the

budget for the Town and Road and Bridge Funds by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion passes. 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 adjourn the meeting by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting stands adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Buiter', written over the printed name.

Jim Buiter, Clerk

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