

State of Illinois

County of Will

Crete Township

CRETE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday April 9, 2024

The Crete Township Annual Town Hall Meeting was called to order by Clerk Buiter at 7:00 PM and it was held at the 1367 Wood Street Crete, IL 60417.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Trustee Liccar made a motion to elect Tim Miller as moderator, seconded by a resident in the crowd. All presents were in favor. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar made a motion to set the moderator fee of \$50.00, seconded by a resident in the crowd. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Tim Miller volunteered to donate the \$50 Fee to the Crete Food Pantry.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 2023 Annual meeting by a resident and seconded by another resident. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Tim Miller then called up Supervisor Liccar to update us about the upcoming purchase of the new community campus for Crete Township. He discussed how things have changed economically and financially. The board found out that there were ARPA funds that were still available at the Will County Level. We sent in a request for some of these funds and received a \$822,000 award. It depends on several factors. One is that we don't have a similar building/campus currently. The second factor is the income level and the economic aspects of the township. There are 3 items that must be done by the deadline. The deadline is June 30, 2024. There are 3 things we must fulfill to get the grant money. First, we must show Will County that we have a plan which we have. The second item is that it is financially feasible, which is. The third item is that the majority of electors approve of this real estate transaction. So, on May 7, 2024, at 7 PM the Board has called for a meeting to get this approval. It will be held at the Sertoma Star building on Cottage Grove Avenue in Crete Township. Why is it different this time. First, we have this huge ARPA grant available. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We also have set up an capital improvement fund which has an estimated \$900,000 balance and with the \$822,000 grant money that the fund will approximately have \$1.700,000. That means we will not have to issue any debt to purchase this building. The building owners have reduced the price. Building a new building would be very expensive and we would have a littler building. It is in the center of the township and the economics makes a lot of sense. There will be a lot of things that can be done in this building for seniors, cultural events, music programs. The back room could be used as a commercial kitchen and physical/exercise room. On the May 7 meeting there will a formal presentation done. Supervisor Liccar finished up his prepared comments and fielded many questions. One question was wondering if the

public would be able to tour the building. You can also tour the whole 14 acres on property. There are woods and fishing ponds in the back. Trustee Albrecht brought up that the goal is to have people use the rooms for any type of events, like woodworking classes, art, classes, family events. There was a survey that showed us that people in this township wanted a community center so that they could do things. One resident asked about having dinners and gatherings. Both Supervisor Liccar and Trustee Albrecht said yes in the affirmative. The general discussion ended.

A motion was made that next year's annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 7:00 by Supervisor Liccar, seconded a resident. All were in favor. Motion passes.

A resident asked about the construction by the Burrville and Exchange intersection. Highway Commissioner Recupito says it is still working out the details with IDOT and Will County DOT. They are working on the 394 and Exchange intersection so there is a lot of time and money spent on that development. He also mentioned they are chopping down some trees on the east side of 394 so that will help traffic. They are rerouting Burrville Road so that you won't be able to go straight across 394 on Burrville. The left-hand lanes on 394 will become a two-turn lane intersection which help will help alleviate the traffic on southbound on 394.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Elton and seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All present in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectively submitted,

Jim Buiter