

Board of Trustees
APRIL 8, 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 Buiter was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the Crete Township Board of Directors March 11, 2026, minutes 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 March 24, 2026, Special. Board of Trustees meeting minutes as written. A motion was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

An employee named Cheryl from Earthwise Solar Company to Crete Lions Club. She mentioned this is how her employers give back to the local economy when they build out their solar project. Crete Lions will turn the proceeds over to the Crete Township Community Center Commercial Kitchen project. for the equipment. There was a photo opportunity with several trustees and Supervisor Liccar. Supervisor Liccar thanked the Crete Lions for all their effort to get us the grant.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the very unfortunate family events that happened recently in the township. He invited several of the detectives from the Will County Sheriff's Office, so we were honored to have Lieutenant Matt Freedman and Sergeant Dirk Overmyer to come and explain the different cases that have happened and answer any questions. Both mentioned that there are ongoing investigations. They appreciated how Crete EMA came out and assisted them in controlling the scenes. These are being investigated as independent murder scenes like the one about a year ago on State Line. Trustee

Albrecht asked about the State Line scene and if they found out who caused the murder. and they responded that they can't say for sure since it is being investigated. They did disclose that it was resident's house who allowed their friends to come over and use their house for the birthday party. The birthday party went good for several hours and then went south bad quickly. That is what they can say out that investigation, they are seeing uptick about the scams on seniors about relative needing bond money. Will County Sheriff Office does not phone calls or use emails. They also tries to issue gift cards and bitcoin scams. Also be careful of the IRS scam letters. They mentioned we do have 24-hour 7-day coverage. We have one sergeant and 3-4 deputy sheriffs here every day. They mentioned two numbers to call, and they are either 815-727-8575 or 779-803-5000.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he and Trustee Elton met with the architect about obtaining the kitchen hood and that we did receive a report from the fire inspection consultant. Trustee Elton did talk to the school, and we might be getting another hood and once we get that item and will fill out the necessary paperwork to get it approved. Supervisor Liccar thought mentioned we got the approval to be a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity so we will be a lot more grants. On Monday he submitted our grant application for the Community Block Grants with Will County, and he will keep us posted. It will be 1 -2 months before we know. We are working on the grant of \$150,000 from the budget but we will need to go through an application process via Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. We will be meeting with our representatives down in Springfield to discuss these arrangements. Supervisor Liccar, Trustee Sterdivant, and Clerk Buitter will be down to see Thaddeus Jones, Patrick Joyce, and Anthony Deluca. Trustee Sturdivant mentioned that we are working with Robin Kelly's office to get a broadcasting grant so when we meet with them in Springfield, we should mention that about the broadcasting grant.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned we will have our Budget Workshop on April 27, 2026, at 4 PM. We will discuss Budgets at that workshop.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the Crete Emergency Management Agency Facility Use Agreement. A motion was to approve this agreement with the Crete Emergency department to use our facility as needed 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 passes

A motion was made to approve a Building Usage Application to Crete Bulldog Football Organization, Conference Room, second Tuesday of the month, 2026 from 7 PM – 9PM 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 from Camilla Scott, Room #20, Monthly starting April 1, 2026, Afternoon and Evenings, by Trustee Albrecht, 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 Crete Town Community Center Usage Application to Diane Wentzel, Compassionate Energy Hearting, Room #18, Monthly beginning May 1, 2026. Times will vary. 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 Dulatis Group & Re/max 10, Room #7, November 24, 2026, 2 PM-7 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.

CLERK'S REPORT A motion was to publish all the board meetings and Budget and Tax Levy meetings 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. Motion carries.

Clerk Buiter mentioned Statement of Economic Interests is due 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 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. This has been going on since November 2025. They are having an open meeting to the public on April 21, 2026, in Joliet, IL. The permit to make an extension of the tiny house was denied. The slaughterhouse on Exchange is still up for sale.

Building and Grounds Committee – Trustee Elton

Trustee Elton mentioned the two senior rooms have been opened and one room just needs to be painted. The Electrical system will be looked at soon. Also moving forward with the plumbing situation. He also talked to the lady who has the hood and she seems to be working with us. He also signed the contract and he will be cleaning out more the backside.

Community Center Events – Trustee Albrecht, Coordinator Milsap

See Attached Report from Community Center Coordinator Milsap

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that there is no next transportation meeting that he is aware. They are funding the program through end of 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. Supervisor Liccar mentioned we should have a suggested donation. She also mentioned that next time it will be a nominal fee. It is posted on the website. 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.

Mosquito Abatement – Jose Ojeda is handling the routes, and the chemicals and calibration will be done by Clarke Equipment.

Senior Events – Trustee Hawkins

Trustee Hawkins thank everyone who helped at the Senior Dinner. 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.

May 2, 2026, will be the Car Trunk event. Come out and join the fun.

Special Events – Trustee Elton

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS –

A motion was made to give the Lions Club four (4) free rentals throughout the year 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.

Trustee Elton is going to the Women's Club to remove their stuff, and we are going to clean up the basement in the next several months.

CORRESPONDENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 passes

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

A motion was made to approve the Road and Bridge Fund bills by Trustee Hawkins, 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

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 08:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted,


James Buiter, Clerk

approved 5/13/2026