

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 9, 2020

The regular scheduled meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 7:00 PM.

Board members present were Trustee Elton, Trustee Hodge, Trustee Piacentini, Trustee Grady (via Zoom), and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buiter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the regular November 11, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Minutes stand approved as written.

Motion to approve the special Board of Trustees meeting on December 1, 2020 minutes to discuss funding for the Crete Country Christmas was made by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

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Supervisor

Supervisor Liccar stated that the ridership is way down due to COVID by about 57% so our costs are way down. The ridership in April 2020 was 56 rides and September 2020 was 159. The ridership is starting to pick up. The Supervisor Liccar reported if there any complaints about the rider service that he will investigate right away.

Supervisor brought up the holiday hours between Christmas and New Year. With the new telephone system implemented by Clerk Buiter, Trustee Elton, and Office administrator Patty Hanus, the employees will be able to work from home. A motion was made to have office staff to work from home that week by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the fact we applied for \$10,000 grant from Will County via the CARES Act of Federal government. Included was the sanitation and deep cleaning and hand cleaner and the any

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telephone system and laptops. Township was successful getting that grant and costs will be reimbursed shortly.

Supervisor Liccar brought up the point about two residents would like to internet service availability in the rural areas. Crete Library have some hotspots that you can check out and individuals can check them out for several weeks. Supervisor Liccar reached out to Crete High School to see if we can piggyback off them and they do not have capabilities to do that. He also reaches out to Johann Fernando from Comcast and he said to provide him the addresses since they do not provide maps or footprint. One individual stated that he is willing to pay for the internet service and appreciates what Supervisor Liccar has done so far researching this issue. He suggested that we work with all the above vendors and see if we can find a solution especially the Crete Library hot spots.

Clerk:

Trustee Grady - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Tim Miller provided his report. The public can request a copy if they want more details. Equipment maintenance is ongoing. We had the first plowing and salting on November 24, 2020. We completed ductwork on Klemm Road and Richton Road. Cold patch is being done on the roads. Signs are being replaced. Shoulder stone is being applied. Fire extinguishers were replaced in all vehicles. See Attached written report of activity.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – None

Building and Grounds – Everything was talked above by Supervisor Liccar.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that cost ridership was \$1340 so it has dropped seriously

Youth – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that Crete Park District is having several kids' events for the Christmas. Also mentioned was to check the Crete Park District website to see what the activities are going on. Website is www.Cretepark.com. Crete Country Christmas was downsized but there was some limited events. They did have a gift bag search event for the kids which was a big success.

Mosquito Abatement – The committee is in hibernation

Senior & Special Events – The Christmas party will be very special this year since there are no events this summer. Trustee Elton suggested that we will be having a camel and three wisemen. We will be having a drive thru for the Christmas party and will be handing out local restaurants gift cards maybe have hot chocolate and cookies.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – See above discussion about the internet service in Crete Township in Supervisors Section.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Supervisor Liccar noted that there is no problem for citizens to vote. Clerk Buiter did process over 1900 citizens and did a great job with his staff. In addition, there has been no discrimination against resident in the Town Hall in getting a marriage license and has never received a complaint about marriage licenses.

APPROVAL OF BILL:

Town Funds bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Town Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Road and Bridge Fund Bills – Motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund bills for payments as submitted was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Road and Bridge Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Grady - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion carries. Meeting stands adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk