

.State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 11, 2023

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 Piacentini, Trustee Albrecht, and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buiter was also present.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Supervisor Liccar had a moment of silence for the passing of Trustee Hodge. He stated that we extend our sympathy and condolences to Trustee Hodge. He also mentioned that Trustee Hodge was very reliable and assisted Crete Township on keeping the building updated and in good shape. Even though he had medical issues, he did make almost every BOD meeting. He will be missed.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that former Trustee Grady passed away on November 30, 2022, in Mississippi. He was also very reliable and dedicated to the Township. He also served as a Collector. We extend our condolences to his wife and family. He will also be missed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Tax Levy Hearing for the General Fund and Road Bridge Department held on December 14, 2022, was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on December 14, 2022, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar

Supervisor Liccar provided a Paratransit update. Ridership is up 13% so the total rides were 2,105 ending October 31, 2022, but the cost went up 35.9 %. This was due to fuel cost and drivers' cost. The good news is Pace had some CARES money leftover which they applied to us and reduced our cost by \$10, 743. All that money has been utilized.

The supervisor mentioned that he has talked to the owner of the Crete Center. The only dispute with the condo association is the fact that condo gets use of 12 garages and the use of the parking lot. The attorneys are working this matter out. There has been a tug a war about property rights, and he received a letter from their owner's attorney stating the condo association does not have right to certain properties. If their attorney from the condo association does not respond to the Crete Community center request, they will probably have to go court over these matters. Supervisor Liccar will keep us posted.

There was a general discussion about a new building that is available on Cottage Grove just off 394. It is currently owned by New Star Company. This person has 15 acres and has many rooms where different community activities could be utilized. It has separate entrances for the different departments that would be utilizing the building. Trustee Elton is 100% onboard to purchase this building since it quite apparent it will fill all our needs and the Crete Community Center is probably not available with clean title.

In the back of the building has a warehouse like garage that could be converted to huge room to host many community events like our senior lunches. Supervisor Liccar is not for the property is due to the location is not centrally located and convenient located to the main buildings in proper Crete. Also the the purchase price needs to be approved by the electors of the Crete Township. In addition, the finances would be hard to handle for our residents. Trustee Albrecht is concerned about the build out in the Crete Community Center with the additions. We would probably save money for us in the long run. She would like to look at the new building. She thinks the condo association appears to be hard to deal with. Trustee Piacentini Is concerned about the safety for the citizens Crete Police department and Fire department of Crete only covers the village of Crete. He thinks it is not a safe area. He is not in favor of purchasing the New Star. Trustee Elton mentioned that the building is well lit at night and off 394 and anybody can be in violent acts both in village of Crete town and in the Crete Township area. Also, he is concerned that the condo association will keep acting in this manner when we become owners of the building since this association has taken over a year to resolve this matter. Trustee Albrecht visited the building a couple days back went to visit and she was very impressed. She thinks the Crete Community Center has it challenges. She suggested looking at the New Star Building. It looks like next week Thursday was chosen to visit like late morning or early afternoon. Supervisor Liccar again stated he does not like the location.

A motion was made to allow the Pheasant Lake Estates HOA to use the meeting room for their meeting on January 28, 2023, at 9 AM to 12:30 PM by Trustee Elton, second by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Clerk:

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner - Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Plowing and salting of roads are ongoing. Shoulder Stone are applied at various locations. Tree trimming and removal were completed on several locations. Signs were repaired/replaced on Norfolk Road, Windsor Ave. Drive. Cold patch roads material used 2.12 tons.

Assessor: See written report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – Supervisor Liccar read John Rymanski's report. He states he is not aware of any developments in the preapplication conferences held by Will County Land use, mentioned there is a lot of interest in the solar farm projects in this area. response to the Land Use department. President of the Willow brook HOA that he is concerned about the solar panels being put on homeowner's roof. Supervisor Liccar did talk to the

president of the Willowbrook about these situations. He informed him about the solar projects in this area are being pushed by the Will County government with the green energy push.

Liaison Property Code –

Building and Grounds –

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht mentioned completed the Toy Drive. It was great. Santa's Sleigh really helped. We distributed over 500 gifts and hats and scarves that were handed out. The kids got stocking stuffers also.

Mosquito Abatement – Bob Walters has been trickling charging the pickups.

Senior & Special Events – He also mentioned that the Christmas lunch was well attended. Trustee Elton mentioned that the police were called due to loud noises after lunch was served and the police showed up after someone called 911. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that next year we should distribute red and green earbuds or mini ear muffs to celebrate this occurrence. Also, he congratulated Patty Hanus and Pam Vasquez in organizing and doing such an excellent job orchestrating everything. It was an excellent job well done. We served 250 people between the two sittings.

Community Center – Was mentioned under the Supervisors report.

Logo/Flag Committee – Trustee Albrecht has not heard back from We the Printers. She will keep us posted. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he talked to Aqua Illinois and they are willing to paint our logo when they replace the water tower on Klemme Road.

OLD BUSINESS – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we did receive a contract to loan the bell to the Historical Society. We also reimbursed \$500 to both the Lions Club and Historical Society. A motion was made to allow the Supervisor Liccar to oversee any minor changes to this situation by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS – Supervisor Liccar is going to call for a Special BOD on February 1, 2023 to fill any vacancies on the BOD.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –

CORRESPONDENCE – There was a letter received from Crete Historical Society for the \$500 reimbursement for the bell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Trustee Elton reported that all participants at this meeting were elected or Employees of Crete Township except one individual who is a private citizen. We have two committeemen and current assessor and past assessor. Trustee Piacentini mentioned that Crete Park District has a daddy and daughter dance coming.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

APPROVAL OF Town Fund Bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht - 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 Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht - 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 Albrecht. All were in favor. Adjournment passes.

Meeting stands adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk