

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 11, 2025

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

The board members present were Trustee Elton, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Sterdivant, and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buitter was also present.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees Meeting on May 14, 2025, amended, was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. All Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. The minutes are approved as written and amended.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that the community center has been quite busy. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we received the APRA Grant money that was more than \$750,000, we need to have a special audit for the federal government. We are a sub recipient that causes the audit requirement. Supervisor Liccar met with Representative Thaddeus Jones in Springfield, IL and he had a great discussion with him, and he did put in a \$150,000 grant for the senior banquet center. Supervisor Liccar met with Representative Patrick Joyce and mentioned to him that we would like to get a bus for the community center and Representative Joyce was going to investigate this matter and will keep us posted.

Supervisor Liccar and Trustee Albrecht went to the Center of Community Development meeting to try to get some grant money for the professional kitchen build out but did not receive the grant since the deadline was not clearly communicated to us, so we missed that deadline. However, Supervisor Liccar received a phone call from Mr. Mahoney, who is the chief of staff for Will County said that Will County bought a building that excess kitchen equipment so Will County has to declare as a surplus inventory and he will keep the board posted.

Supervisor Liccar welcomes Trustee Sterdivant as a new member of the board. He also mentioned Trustee Elton has handled the Building and Grounds of the Community Center quite efficiently and will be doing that in the future. He is creating a Community Center events committee that will work with new usage of the building. Senior transportation will be handled by Supervisor Liccar since he has done most of the work involved on that committee. Trustee Sterdivant would be a good candidate to run the youth events committee was his thinking. On Mosquito Abatement Committee, Supervisor Liccar was working with Bob Walters and will be finding someone to take over that committee. The Senior events

committee will be handled by Trustee Hawkin. The Planning Commission will need to have a trustee represented on that commission. So to sum up the committee heads as follows Building and Grounds will be handled by Trustee Elton, Senior Transportation will be handled by Supervisor Liccar, Youth Events will be handled by Trustee Sterdivant, The Mosquito Abatement committee will work closely with Supervisor Liccar to supervise that individual when hired, Senior Events will be headed up by Trustee Hawkins and Special Events will be coordinated by Trustee Elton. A motion was made to confirm all these appointments by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Elton. 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.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we can provide emergency assistance and can be applied for once a year for \$500 depending on the income level. In the last year our requests have increased a lot especially for utilities shutoffs and 5 day rent evictions. A motion was made to this emergency assistance level up to \$1,000 and can only apply once a year by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. 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.

CLERK: Clerk Buiter – No report.

Supervisor Liccar - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner – See Attached Report from Highway Commissioner Recupito.

Assessor: See Attached Report from Assessor Tamez

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski – He mentioned that there is one property that the tiny house permit use is still being reviewed. He mentioned that the board should put together a list of objections to the Land Use committee. Their current temporary permit expires in September, and we should visit this as we get closer. Will County Board member Sherry Newquist came and visited with Supervisor Liccar and will be bringing this issue to the whole board. She will keep us posted. He also mentioned that the property on Bemes Road has reapplied for a solar farm, and they have tried several times to get it approved. This meeting will be next Tuesday in Joliet at 5:30 PM. The Will County board members are concerned about the recycling of used panels, and we don't have any control on the property once it becomes a solar farm. We can only advise and/or oppose these solar farms. These farms are scattered all over the place and are getting closer to residential areas. A motion was made to oppose this solar farm by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Elton. 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.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned Will County is having a preconstruction meeting about the solar farm on 23125 Torrence Avenue. It is called the Rodman Solar Farms which is right off Steger Road. We can't do anything since Will County approved back in 2023. The meeting is tomorrow at 9:00 AM.

Liaison Property Code Report – John Rzymiski - He mentioned about the home on Notre Dame Avenue building a larger pole barn. Both John and Supervisor Liccar discussed this matter with this individual. John told the homeowner he had to get a building permit to construct this large pole barn. They are waiting for the Land Use response. John will keep us posted.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Elton mentioned that there is a lot of things going in the new community center. He had 95 emergency lights replaced. He also had the fire extinguishers inspected so they can pass inspections. He installed no trespassing signs to keep in good graces with the insurance companies. There was a wrestling club event that was very nice and peaceful. He also mentioned that he will be starting on the asphalt and replacing some of the rough spots and then next month we will sealcoat the remaining good spots. for the back wall in the big room will be completed. We fix the front of the Town Hall building with replacement bricks and grass sod.

Senior Transportation – Trustee Piacentini – Nothing back from Joliet.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht stated that she has no plans for the youth. She mentioned that our Community Center coordinator is working on getting the Secretary of State office temporarily set up to administrate driver's license/state ID. She is working with her on bicycle safety and instructions on how to handle honeybees.

Mosquito Abatement –Supervisor Liccar mentioned that they are looking for a new applicator since Fay is going to be the new community center coordinator. He ordered the spray for about \$12,000, saving some money through Clark Equipment. He also placed ads for a new applicator on Facebook and other social media outlets.

Community Center – Coordinator Kiaurakis passed out thick package of certain items of interest of what items are going in the new community center. There are a lot of details of what she has been doing to get many activities in the new building. She has a directory of the different rooms, so people know where to go to go if they get lost. She is looking to do the Garage Sale with Trustee Albrecht on June 6, but Supervisor Liccar mentioned that they might want to do it when Crete has their garage sale. She will investigate it.

Senior – Trustee Hawkins stated that their Catholic Charities have a lot of activities which are posted on our website. Come check it out.

Special Events – Trustee Elton stated there will be a 175th anniversary celebration on September 6, 2025, Saturday after Labor Day.

OLD BUSINESS – Supervisor Liccar and Clerk Buiter attended TOI Lobby Day in Springfield on April 29, 2025. Supervisor Liccar tried to meet with all three representatives but could only meet up with Thaddeus Jones, Napoleon Hill and Patrick Joyce. He gave the presentations of the community center and informed them what we are trying to do in Crete Township. He could not meet with Nick Smith, but he will reach his office to set up time to meet after the legislature is out of action. Clerk Buiter had the opportunity to talk to Anthony Deluca about some grant money for the new community center and invited him to the 175th Anniversary.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the rebates from real estate taxes since some towns and businesses claim we did not spend enough money. He is working with our attorney to resolve this matter. He will keep us posted about the resolution.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that our technology group has purchased a company that focuses on monitoring all the PCs and repairs on technological systems. The quote for these services will be \$510 a month for the first year. A motion was made to accept the Interpeak Technology LLC contract for the

aforesaid amount by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS –

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - Fay Kiaurakis resigned her position as community center coordinator effectively immediately. There was also a comment by a concerned citizen who thanked all the trustees and supervisors for their service. She also expressed concern about the different usage fees for separate entities who want to use the community center building. She was disappointed with the lack of management skills all around and hoped this changes and that the Township just lost an asset to the community and good employee.

CORRESPONDENCE – Trustee Albrecht mentioned that she went to Village of Crete, and they received a permit from Will County Land Use to put our electronic sign for our community center. We have known idea why it was sent to them but just to make sure they are aware of this new sign and to see if they are okay with it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

APPROVAL OF Town Fund Bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Piacentini – 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 Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Road and Bridge Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Supervisor Liccar read resolution recognizing the public service of Trustee Piacentini from August 2001 through May 18, 2025. A motion was made to recognize this resolution by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

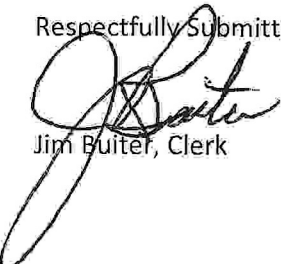
Clerk Buiter swore in all the elected officials except for Assessor Tamez since she gets sworn in January 2026. He handed over their loyalty to the Oath of Office for their records.

A motion was made to suspend the general session and begin an Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss personnel matters with Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to reconvene the general meeting at 8:55 PM by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Jim Butler, Clerk

Approved 7/9/2025