

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

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CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 10, 2021

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 Albrecht and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buiter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting on October 10, 2021 as written made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Motion passes. The minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar has seen an uptick in ridership. The ridership has decreased from last year, but our costs have gone up to higher labor and fuel costs. Our costs went up by \$3000, even though our ridership dropped by 2.5% and the average cost was \$13.26 per ride. He and Trustee Hodge will attend a conference call next week to discuss new items coming to the Will Ride program like Uber and other share riding programs that might become available to residents.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he spoke to our attorney and everything is looking for us to getting a clean title and then setup a closing date.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that Trustee Elton has put us in touch with Barb Dorman, the owner and editor of the Southland Voice. She runs an electronic recycling program with Cook County Sheriff's Tom Dart office. This event will happen on Saturday, November 13, 2021 9 AM to 11 AM. Come early the event closes when the truck is filled.

A motion was made allow the Crete Women's Garden Walk Club to use the building on March 7, April 4, May 9, June 6, July 18, September 12, October 5, 2022, 2021 and March 3, 2022 between 12:45 – 3:00PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the Tax Levy for Town Fund will be discussed at 6:30 PM on December 8, 2021 and will ask for 3.7% increase. A motion was made to have a public hearing and publish the proposed tax increased by Clerk Buiter in the local paper 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 Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

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Supervisor Liccar mentioned the Tax Levy for Road and Bridge Fund will be discussed at 6:30 PM on December 8, 2021 and advised to ask for 7.75% increase. A motion was made to have a public hearing and publish the proposed tax increased by Clerk Buiter in the local paper by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to sponsor a tree for the Steger's Christmas Trees on Boulevard for \$80 by Trustee Albrecht, seconded Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Clerk:

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- The public can request a copy if they want more details. Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Tree trimming and removal was done on Thorn Creek Lane, Notre Dame Ave, Klemme Road, Dixie Dells, Dixie Estates, and Balmoral Heights subdivision. Cold Patch roads material used was 2.12 tons. Sign repairs and replacements were done at Kings Road, Stoney Island Avenue, Poplar Lane, and Willowbrook Trail Street. Applied shoulder stone along newly paved roads and at various locations throughout the township. Removed downed trees and logs from blocked culverts from recent storms. Barricades were setup for water on various roads that were closed due to flooding. All vehicles were safety inspected. 2021 pavement maintenance is completed.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski – John Rzymiski mentioned that there was a zone variance for solar farm that was approved two years ago. Supervisor Liccar went to the Solar Farm project meeting in Joliet in early November. He did speak the commission about our problems and issues the township has had with the solar farm companies. They recommended that we send a letter stating the original requirements for the solar farm when it was originally approved. The surety bond was discussed in the meeting and it was determined that the new solar farm company should be liable to keep up the surety bond paperwork. Plan Commissioner Rzymanski wished they would spell out if the full acreage could be filled up with grass or some type of field cover.

Liaison Property Code Matters – Bob Walters is working 4 occurrences. He is under the weather tonight but will have a full report in December.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Hodge mentioned the cleaning service is working out and they are cleaning the conference room also.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht organizing the October 30 event at the trail and treat event. Collector Elton and Debbie Elton volunteered and helped out. Trustee Albrecht is getting ready for the Christmas gifts distribution. The Santa Mailbox is now installed. Deputy Clerk helped getting it decorated and she will be working with Collector Elton on the letter responses. There will be Crete Santa Sleigh that will be go throughout the township also.

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Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini informed that the machines will be winterized, and they will be in hibernation till springtime.

Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton mention we were sold out by the Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The Christmas party is December 9, 2021.

Flags and Logo Committee – Trustee Albrecht is putting together a meeting to discuss which way they want to go with this agenda. Our Social media director will be incorporating our Crete Township and other surrounding towns history in our logo, He also mentioned that he has put on our website the different videos.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Trustee Piacentini brought up the matter of having a Christmas decoration party. Supervisor Liccar suggested he send out an email to ss if there anyone is interested.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – Supervisor Liccar reached out to the Sheriff of Will County and the Sheriff stated that crime is quite low, but the Sheriff department has a mobile app that you can download and get alerts and you can report an suspicious activity and a complaint section.

CORRESPONDENCE –

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

APPROVAL OF BILL:

Town Funds bills – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills for payment as presented was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Hodge – 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 Hodge. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – 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. Meeting stands adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk