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County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 13, 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 September 8, 2021 as written made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Motion passes. The minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor

Supervisor Liccar stated that we have not received any new invoices. They are behind in getting us the reports. We have seen an uptick in ridership. The ridership has increased by 150% from last year.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we had the building inspection done by People's Choice Home Inspection. Each trustee has received a copy of the report. There were no major defects. It also mentioned that the roofs on the garages stall need to be upgraded. On the plat of survey shows a setback of few feet between our property and the condo association. A motion was made to accept the final plat of survey 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.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he would like to have Crete Township to sponsor a green technology and electrical recycling bin/event. Will County recycling expert suggested not having a dumpster since residents and nonresidents abuse the recycling bins and use them as garbage cans and tires are thrown in also. The agency that handles these for other townships is booked till next year, He will keep us posted. Trustee Elton mentioned that Southland Voice will sponsor an event at the new building in November. A motion was made to have the event held tentatively in mid-November 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 Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Trustee Albrecht mentioned that we won't need to put any money or candy to the Trail and Treat event since we are corporate sponsors. Collector Elton and Trustee Albrecht are organizing and volunteering to help out on distributing the candy.

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A motion was made allow the Crete Women's Book Club to use the building on November 4, 2021 and March 3, 2022 between 1 and 3 PM by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the Tax Levy will be discussed and advised to ask for 4% increased. There will be a public hearing in the future.

Clerk: Clerk Buitter mentioned that the Wi-Fi has been slow and very unreliable in the 4 building. He would like to upgrade the Wi-Fi for \$746 cost in both the Supervisor's office and large conference room.. A motion was made to upgrade the Wi-Fi for the afore mentioned dollar amount 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.

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- The public can request a copy if they want more details. Equipment maintenance is ongoing. Last branch pickup was Monday, October 4th. Ditch work completed on Klemme Road and Bending Creek Trail. Culvert replacements are being done at Volbrecht Road, Windsor Avenue, and Woodlawn Avenue. Tree trimming and removal was done on Stoney Island Ave, Louella Street, Walnut Street, W. Richton Road, 235th Street, Town of Goodenow, and Anne Lane. Grinding and patching of sunken cross culverts. Material used was 35.13 tons. Sign repairs and replacements were done at Monee Road, Louella Street, Raymond Drive, Stateline Road, Old Post Road and Stoney Island Avenue. Landscape was restored around new culverts and there was a final round of roadside mowing. Guardrail repair on Stoney Island Ave and Bakker subdivision were done. Tires were picked up and brought for recycling at the Will County recycling event held in Lockport Township. 86 tires were brought over in total. Kings Road Bridge right of ways are done and have been secured. Everything is on schedule for construction in 2022. The 2021 pavement maintenance project is in progress. Stateline Road at Exchange Street intersection improvement update is going well with the lane widening and traffic signal poles are installed but the equipment is on backorder. MS-4 EPA Employee training was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. That agenda will be posted on our website. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that our video and social media manager took pictures with his drone of the projects along Exchange Avenue.

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. He recommended that we send a letter stating the original requirements for the solar farm when it was originally approved. The two solar farms are still under construction phase and not providing electricity. Some people are concerned about the weeds and trees becoming ugly site. By law the company only has to maintain and cut the grass and weeds three times annually, but we can stipulate more times. There will be special hearing on November 2, 2021 in Joliet,

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IL about these solar farms. A motion was made to give authorization to the Plan Commission Chairman to act on the wishes of the board with the vegetation issue and that county verifies that the insurance policy and bond is intact was made by Trustee Piacentini, 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.

Liaison Property Code Matters – Bob Walters reported 5 occurrences. Three were resolved and two are pending. The one case the citizen was fined \$550 but he keeps moving items around on his property and brings the matter to court.

Building and Grounds –Trustee Hodge mentioned that the Lawn Maintenance and Snow Removal bid was held on September 29, 2021.A motion to give the two-year lawn maintenance and snow removal contracts to Crete Custom Cuts by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Albrecht organizing the October 30 event at the trail and treat event. In addition, we will be collecting toys jointly with the Angel on Assignment at Crete Township Town Hall. Her secretaries will come over come and wrapped them for the kids. They had 95 kids last year. There will be Crete Santa Sleigh that will be go throughout the township also. A motion was to give the Crete Santa sleigh project of \$500 by Trustee Elton, 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.

Trustee Albrecht mentioned that Collector Elton had a great idea will have A Santa Claus red mail box so the parents/kids can bring letters and put in the Santa mailbox and the girls will respond back to the kids/parents.

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini informed that the machines will be winterized and the will be in hibernation till springtime. He will be ordering depending on the weather. He will be checking out the prices of the supplies over the winter. e

Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton negotiating with the Lincolnshire Country Club for the Senior event in December 2021. The date will be December 9, 2021. It will be a class act and well planned and executed. Trustee Elton pointed out that there was one resident present in the public meeting. Everyone else was either elected or employees of the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Trustee Albrecht brought up the matter of having a banner or flag displaying Crete Township logo. Supervisor Liccar suggested setting up a logo committee of Trustee Albrecht and Trustee Elton. They will keep us posted next month

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CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – A concerned citizen was in the audience complaining about the nonexistence of the four-foot berm, and the trees are not well maintained and not looking good. Supervisor Liccar suggested to discuss with the Plan Commission Chairperson and put items in the letter being sent to the county. Nick Borrelli mentioned that he will a new video and another project for the Highway Department.

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 Hodge. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – 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 Piacentini. 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 Piacentini. All were in favor. Meeting stands adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk