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Board of Trustees September 9, 2026, 7 PM Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call was as follows: Supervisor Liccar, Trustee Elton, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Sterdivant were present. Clerk Buiter was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2026, Crete Township Board of Directors meeting minutes as written. A motion was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2026, Crete Township Special Board of Directors meeting minutes as written. A motion was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Keith Miller thanked everyone for helping to clear the trees and branches very efficiently. We did not have to use the EMA building for people. He did mention that there were several trees ready to fall west of Cottage Grove Avenue. The concern was that we don't revisit another tree falling on a car. Highway Commissioner Recupito was aware of the situation and will be working diligently like him and his staff always do to rectify the situation.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

A motion was made to donate \$5,000 to the Crete Christmas Donation by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Sterdivant. There was a discussion about donation. Trustee Sterdivant always attended every year. She noticed a change of the atmosphere. Trustee Elton stated he did not how they treated the businesspeople and the organizations that are involved. He is opposed of giving them the \$5000 donation. He suggested we go down to \$1000. He mentioned

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they took everything from the Lion's Club. They took everything from the Scrementi's. He mentioned that they mistreated Supervisor Liccar. There are several different sponsorships. Trustee Hawkins agreed to the \$1,000. Trustee Sterdivant mentioned she would recommend going on a \$1,500 donation. Trustee Elton agreed to \$1,500. Trustee Albrecht amended her motion to donate \$1,500; the amendment was seconded by Trustee Sterdivant. 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 carries

Supervisor Liccar did mention that he heard from the representative of the Economic Development of the State of Illinois for the \$175,000 grant. She had some follow up questions and he has answers for her and will scan them to her tomorrow. Hopefully he will get some positive feedback from them. There are several different areas of paperwork. They have pictures and data sections. No negative feedback so far. He will keep us posted.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we have emergency financial assistance up to \$1,000 limit. Usually that does not cover everything. He was asking the board to up the dollar amount to \$1,500. They can request this assistance once a year. A motion was made to allow up to \$1,500 for the level of assistance, seconded by Trustee /Sterdivant. Trustee Sterdivant mentioned that the Center of Will County Concerns and LIHEAP are running out of money so it would be prudent to increase the level for the assistance. 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 carries

A motion was made to approve the Will County Center for Community Concerns renewal non-financial agreement by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. 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 carries

Highway Commission mentioned that the bank needs board approval of the \$202,940 loan on the newly purchased Freightliner. A motion was to approve this loan by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. 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 carries

A motion was made to have Carol Millsap have the authority to approve the building usage applications at the Community Center and Patty Hanus have the authority to approve the Town Hall building Application by Trustee Elton,

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seconded by Trustee Albrecht. 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 carries

Assessor Tamez voiced her happiness of this motion.

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CLERK'S REPORT–

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Financial Reports: See Attached

Highway Commissioner – See Attached Report from Highway Commissioner.

Assessor: See Attached Report from Assessor Tamez

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski

John Rzymiski mentioned Will County is in the process of updating the 2012 LRMP (Land Resource Management Plan). The Township will have an opportunity to provide input. Residents can follow the progress of the update by visiting "guidewill.co". The main areas of concern that have been identified are the truck traffic issues along Rte.53 and development along the I 355 corridors.

The landscaping business at 25555 Klemme is in the process of applying for a Special Use Permit. A temporary use permit has expired but Land Use and Code Enforcement will not take the case to court because the court will note that the application is still being processed and could be allowed under current uses. It is anticipated that this zoning case will be heard by the Plan Commission in the coming weeks, if not at the regularly scheduled meeting for October 1, 2026.

Building and Grounds Committee – Trustee Elton

The storm blew down our overhead door and bent the other one. Working with the insurance to replace the doors. The service repair came out and reversed the overhead door, so we did not have to tarp it and it is a temporary fix. Couple new cameras were installed so the pond has video coverage. The kitchen is being worked on and is getting new permits. The downspout by the east door needs to be replaced so it can be slippery.

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Community Center Events – Trustee Albrecht, Coordinator Milsap

See Attached Report from Community Center Coordinator Milsap

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he attended the county wide meeting and will be financed by the county so that is great news. They also put together a user guide.

Youth – Trustee Sterdivant

See attached report from Trustee Sterdivant.

Mosquito Abatement – We are waiting since the rain has happened and the rods are very crowded with the trees down. Jose will go out when the time comes.

Senior Events – Trustee Hawkins

Trustee Hawkins mentions the Trunk Sale will be Saturday, October 3, 2026. Call Collector Penman to sign up and for more details.

Pinochle is played on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM

There are senior events on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at the Community Center

Trustee Hawkins thanked the Fun timers and all who supported their booth at the various events we have.

Senior Picnic was a success, and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship and looked forward to the next one.

OLD BUSINESS – The new website is rolled out, and Jim Hanus will be setting up time to do each committee section of the website.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SEESION –

CORRESPONDENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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APPROVAL OF BILLS: TOWN FUND

A motion was made to approve the Town Fund bills by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. 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

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

A motion was made to approve the Road and Bridge Fund bills by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Sterdivant. 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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

James Buiter, Clerk