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Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 9, 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 regular Board of Trustees meeting on May 12, 2021 minutes made 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. The minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor

Supervisor Liccar regrets to inform the community of the passing of Ronald Knoelling who served as Crete Township Assessor for twenty years from January 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985. He passed away on June 5, 2021 around Weatherford, Texas where he and his wife, Charlotte, have been residing by family. Ron attended the Trinity Lutheran School and Crete Monee High School which he graduated from in 1952. Ron worked his family dairy farm and operated a home remodeling and repair business. He was very instrumental in automating the Township Assessor's Office by installing the first computers, fax machines and software which vastly improved the timing and efficiency of the Assessor's office. He also served for many years as Board member of Township Officials of Illinois and Illinois Assessors Association. We appreciate how he devoted many years of faithful services our Crete Township community. It was honor to have worked with him. He was kind, decisive leader, articulate and forward thinking. We send our condolences to his wife, Charlotte, and his family.

Supervisor Liccar stated that we have received and billing records from Will Ride since February 2021. At the last Will Ride meeting, they are adding a tax/share ride service via Pace m. This will be additional service and Pace will inform the participants of when they will be picked up. Supervisor Liccar has a few questions, and they are addressing that and will keep us posted. This should be a lower cost alternative than the bus service.

Supervisor Liccar announced Trustee Albrecht will be the Finance Committee chair. The Planning Commission chair will be Trustee Piacentini. The Building and Grounds Committee will be chaired by Trustee Hodge. Trustee Hodge will be the chair of the Senior Transportation. Trustee Albrecht will be chair of the Youth Committee. Trustee Piacentini will be chair of the Mosquito Abatement. Trustee Elton

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will be chair of the Senior Events committee. Trustee Elton will be the chair of Community Center Community. A motion was made to appoint all the above trustees to the above-mentioned committees 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.

Motion was made to retain the law firm of Anmcel, Glick, Diamond, Bush, DiCianna and Krafeter, PC as Township Attorney by Trustee Elton, Seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: 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 the Village of Steger will be having a 125th year anniversary on August 22, 2021. We will be walking in it as a group of elected officials. Line up is Noon.

Motion was made to publish the budget of the Road and Bridge Funds 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.

A motion was made to install two new radios that need to replace with new equipment installed by All Right Signs at \$1815.18 by Trustee Piacentini, 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, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar brought to the attention of the board that the township has been in discussion with Will County Department of Transportation to put a sign up on Exchange Avenue welcoming citizens to Crete Township. has robust social media presence on the internet.

Clerk:

Trustee Albrecht - Financial Reports. See attached.

Highway Commissioner- Supervisor Tony Recupito provided the report. The public can request a copy if they want more details. Equipment maintenance is ongoing. We are cold patching is ongoing. Monthly branch pick up is ongoing. Ditch work completed on Broadview Avenue, Meadowood Road, and Stateline Road. Sign repairs and replacements were done on Offner Road, Plum Valley Drive Road. All trucks passed safety inspection. The contractor of the Danne Bridge has agreed to correct the landscaping and pavement to the proper specifications and has completed the work except for few minor excavating issues that will be done when it dries up. Stateline3 Road and Exchange Street has begun on the eastern part near Calumet Avenue. Kings Road Bridge Project is ongoing with the right of way acquisition with the affected residents. The Bridge replacement project will start on next year.

Assessor – See Written Report from the Assessor.

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski received a letter about a zoning change and there was no decision made yet and will keep us posted.

Liaison Property Code Matters – Bob Walters discussed that there are some ongoing issues in the Willow brook subdivision. Some homeowners did not realize that a homeowner association and he is working with them and will county Land Use department. He also thanks Patty Hanus and Pam Vasquez for

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taking telephone calls.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Hodge met with couple vendors for the carpet install in the office with a cap of \$4000. We will be the labor of moving the light stuff and Beecher Floor Coverings will be around \$2,700 The electronic sign is being taken care of. A motion was made not to spend over \$4000 to replace the carpet in Assessors' office by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar mentioned that above.

Youth – Trustee Piacentini mentioned that Crete Park District is having registration going on for several events. Check the website is www.cretepark.com.

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini informed that the machines are getting calibrated and will be ready to go when the mosquitos show up.

Senior & Special Events – Trustee Elton informed everyone that there will be senior summer picnic when the governor decides to open the state. It will be a lot of fun for the seniors. It will take place on July 30, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS – In accordance with the Township ordinances that any real estate purchases have to be voted by the township electors. A motion was made to have the Board of Directors make statement to the Township Clerk that a Special Township Meeting of the Electors is necessary for the Electors to delegate the power to purchase and improve Township corporate property to the Township Board for a period of 12 months; meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 29th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 1367 Wood Street, Crete, IL 60417 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, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –

CORRESPONDENCE – Supervisor Liccar received a letter from LIHEAP program which helps with utility bills. A motion was made to approve a letter of understanding from LIHERAP 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, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Supervisor Liccar thanks Trustee Grady for his service as Collector from May 2009 through May 2017 and as Trustee from May 2017 through May 2021.

A motion was made to suspend the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session by Trust Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

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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 Albrecht. 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 Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. 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. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion carries. Meeting stands adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buitter, Clerk