

State of Illinois
Town of Crete
County of Will

CRETE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2018

The regular scheduled meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 7:00 p.m. in the Crete Town Hall, 1367 Wood St. Crete, Il.

Trustees in attendance were: Elton, Grady, Hodge and Piacentini. Clerk Holubek was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on January 10, 2018. All were in favor, minutes stand approved as written.

Motion by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge to approve the minutes of the Workshop to Determine Additional Budget Line Items held on January 22, 2018. All were in favor, minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR – Supervisor Liccar reported the following:

- Intermodal Relations Committee – No new information – A new CEO and COO brought in. Shoring up the system. They will be looking at not only at Crete, but another site in North Carolina.

- Last summer the Board had agreed to in act the Concert in the Park in conjunction with the Crete Park District. Dates have been set as June 2nd, July 14th, August 25th and September 8th. The concerts will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at sunset. Proposed venues will be Jazz and Big Band, Dixieland, Theater, Classical and Avant-garde. All dates have been confirmed with the Park District.

- Tax Objection – A Real Estate developer from the northern area has filed tax objections not only for Crete Township but throughout the State. Stating that our assets were more the 2 times our average levy. Speaking to the attorney, he stated that State Law is based on 2 ½ of our cash balances. Basing on assets, that means our building and equipment. Speaking to our attorneys at Sorling, he stated they did receive a copy of the objection, and the States Attorney is handling this on behalf the County and the other taxing districts, but may not be a good proponent for the Township. A suggestion that the township should enter a motion to intervene. Once this is done, and pin numbers are received, if this shows to be an immaterial amount of property taxes, and stated it might be worth doing this because you might get additional groups that pile into this. The cost to have the lawyer handle this for us would probably be 3 hrs. or about \$500.00 for the attorney to file a motion to intervene. He stated that the State does not act on behalf of the township, and if we lose, it could be a lot more expensive. Supervisor Liccar agrees moving forward in this matter is a good idea. Going forward the township would have something to stand on with the court that we did file an objection being it should be cash assets and not full assets and if you look at all cash assets, we are below the requirement and as we establish our Capital Improvement Fund, that will probable help our standing. Trustee Elton stated that for \$500.00, let's play it safe. Motion to move forward with the attorney was made by Trustee Piacentini seconded by Trustee Elton to proceed with the Objection. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

CLERK – Deputy Clerk, Tammy Onorati attended the IPBC meeting on 2-7-2018. It was reported by IPBC Director that the increase in BCBS premiums for the 2018-2019 year will be approximately 2.9% but could vary and rise to 3.5%. The increase will be confirmed prior to renewal in July 2018.

. Clerk Holubek stated that an article announcing the annual town meeting will be published in the next addition of the newsletter, along with a sample of the agenda for residents who may not know what the meeting is all about. Date of the meeting is April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Also, reminder of early voting starting on March 5th and running through March 16th. Hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday only, no weekend or evening hours.

TRUSTEE GRADY- Fund balances were reported. See attached.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER – Activity report – see attached.

ASSESSOR – Mary Tamez reported current activity of the office:

- . Archiving of records
- . County now using PAMS program, will be transferring updates. automatically
- . Seniors coming in for their exemptions
- . Requesting voice mail in the Assessors office.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Plan Commission – Supervisor Liccar reported the Solar Farm has been approved.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Hodge reported a new water fountain has been installed at Town Hall.

Senior Transportation – Supervisor Liccar reported on the Jan. 12th meeting which confirmed that the Area on Aging grant has been approved for another year. He stated that Crete Township is not in agreement with the possibility of Saturday service. More discussion will be heard regarding this additional service.

Youth – No report

Mosquito Abatement – Trustee Piacentini reported he is investigating state bidding for a new truck for mosquito spraying. Has not yet decided on whether to purchase a Ford or GM. Must be a F-250 or Chevy 2500 because of the additional weight of the new sprayer.

Senior Events – Trustee Elton reported confirmation of the date for St. Patty day luncheon to be held at Lincolnshire Country Club on March 23rd. Still up for discussion will be the total of seniors to attend. Trustee Grady will check with the club for additional space to handle more seniors, since the current limit has been 200. Many seniors were disappointed that they could not attend past luncheons.

OLD BUSINESS – Capitol Improvement Fund – Discussion with the attorney from Sorling regarding a current line item of CIOP (Planned obsolescent program). Supervisor Liccar suggested setting up a Capitol Improvement fund by transferring out of the CIOP fund under the provision of transferring 10% between budget items. The attorney stated that could not be done because you would be creating a new budget item however, he said he feels that the account if it was set up for obsolete property, that would be pretty broad, although it could be used if we had to for infrastructure. Currently there is \$25,000.00 in the CIOP line item. Nothing has ever be used in the past from this line item. Suggestion to entertain a motion the obsolete property (CIOP), that this line item could be used for any infrastructure property, not limited to equipment and furniture (this budget year). Trustee Elton made the motion as requested by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion stands approved.

Supervisor Liccar took the liberty after talking to Trustee Elton regarding moving forward with this project and poll the residents to get their feelings regarding the proposed building of Town Hall campus this discussion will be on the agenda for the Annual Town meeting and the upcoming newsletter. The public will certainly be aware

of moving along with establishing the Capitol Improvement Fund but also moving forward with a study replacing the current Town Hall campus. Discussions already amongst include the fact that this building is already 30 years old, it's retro-fitted in many ways, including electronics, food pantry, and in addition to items already mentioned, many civic groups would like to use the facilities, and we don't have the room to allow larger groups here, due to the fact the big meeting room on holds 72 people and the expansion of the Assessor's office. Supervisor Liccar worked up a list titled: INITIAL TOWN HALL/CIVIC CENTER PLANNING AND PLANNING GROUP. This the first list involves the high-level selection of the project objectives, the second is a list of committee members which include all elected officials and current citizen who use the current town hall with representatives of the community for suggestions and options, along with a representative from Old Plank Trail Bank, since Rebecca Nagel has the pulse of the community. See attached for more details. Trustee Hodge commended Supervisor Liccar for his work. Motion to establish an infrastructure planning committee was made by Trustee Hodge, seconded by Trustee Elton. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Motion to approve the Town Fund Bills as submitted was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Town Fund Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fund Bills as submitted was made by Trustee Piacentini, seconded by Trustee Elton. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Road and Bridge Bills stand approved for payment as submitted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor, meeting stands adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathie Holubek
Clerk