

State of Illinois
County of Will
Town of Crete

CRETE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 14, 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 Town Hall, 1367 Wood St., Crete, Il. Roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – present, Trustee Grady – present, Trustee Hodge – present, Trustee Piacentini – present, Supervisor Liccar - present. Clerk Holubek was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 Board of Trustee Meeting was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Piacentini. All were in favor, minutes stand approved as written.

REPORTS:

Supervisor:

. Crete Township Intermodal Relations Committee – No new updates.

. Discussion on proposed Capitol Improvement Fund – At the last meeting and preliminary budget workshop we discussed creating a capital improvement fund that could be used for infrastructure and public safety issues. One area that the Board was interested in was expanding the Town Hall campus. The Supervisor then handed out a report done up by our accountant of our excesses over expenses for the last 5 years in the Town Fund. With our cost cutting of our overall expenses, we were hoping to have a little bit larger surplus. The accountant is projecting our excess over expenses for the fiscal year 2018 would be more like \$12,000.00, not a huge amount to have in reserve. An average over the last 5 years, the townships excess, in some years were either in changes in staff, we had some folks who have left that had accrued benefit time and took a payout for unused time, equipment costs, infrastructure costs at the town hall for maintenance, but on the average over the last 5 years, we include the projection of March 31st, 2018, the town funds revenue over expenses, averages about \$36,000.00. Our hopes were to go forward with the expansion of the town hall campus. Part of that will probably be done via financing. Ideally, we would like to have financing without any additional changes, in other words, using our excess revenue versus expenses, and finance without doing bond issues. Depending on the length of time of the loan or bond, interest rate of the loan, a million dollars at 4% for 20 years would run about \$73,000 per year in interest payments. We will discuss this in more detail at the upcoming meeting on March 27th at Town Hall with the newly created Infrastructure Committee.

. Discussion of flooding issues – Supervisor Liccar prepared a slide presentation of photos taken within Crete Township on roads and properties after recent heavy rains and melting snow. It seems the flooding issues are getting worse. Several residents have stated flooding issues used to occur maybe a couple of times every 10 years, but now it's more frequent. He stated that there is a helicopter available at Bult Field that would have the ability to fly over creeks, ponds and low grounds and take photos as to where they may be damned up by beavers or just need cleaning of debris.

The cost for the flyover is \$300.00 per hour. Motion to approve the helicopter photography of Air Scouts for a fee of not more than \$2,500.00 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.

. Discussion regarding future issues of the Crete Messenger – Supervisor Liccar reported that the Crete Messenger will no longer be managed by the current company out of Indiana. He stated the we would probably be managing the printing and distribution on our own, and would check on the probability of selling ads to cut down on the cost. Will have more information at a later date.

- . Budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30, in Town Hall.
- . Updated health insurance message regarding the withdrawal of members. Supervisor Liccar reported a letter received informing all members of the withdraw of other Townships and companies. Remarked this could potentially increase costs for Crete Township. Waiting for additional information.
- . Update of tax objection – Group filed a tax objection against several taxing bodies throughout all of Illinois. Looking at total assets not cash relative to the levies, stating you have total assets of more than 2 times your levy (assets being land, etc) Crete Township was also mentioned in the objection. No update from the attorney regarding the petition they will or have filed on our behalf which asks the judge to throw out the objection based on the idea that Crete Township does not have 2 times assets. Some parties mentioned in this objection are Will County, Will County Forest Preserve, DuPage Twp., Joliet Twp., Total amount of property taxes in terms of the overall corporate account, which is retirement fund, social security fund, general assistance fund, was about \$31,000.00.

Clerk:

- . Motion to approve the request from the Crete F-Men for a donation for the Easter Egg Hunt. In the past the amount of the donation was \$500.00. Therefore the motion was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor, roll call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady- yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes.

Annual Town Meeting Agenda approval – Motion to approve the agenda for this years Annual Town Meeting on April 10th was approved with (3) additions, which are:

1 – Capitol Improvement Fund 2- Flooding/Drainage Concerns 3 – Declare surplus misc.material / equipment from the Highway Dept.

Motion to approve the agenda with the above- mentioned items was made by Trustee Elton, 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.

- . Approval to publish the Agenda and Notice for the Annual Town Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Elton, 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.

- . Reminder – To file electronic Statement of Economic Interests by May 1st.

- . Reminder of upcoming meeting of the Crete Twp. Infrastructure Committee on March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

- . Motion to approve the meeting dates for the Crete Township Board of Trustees meeting for 2019 was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. All were in favor of keep all regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month and keep the time at 7:00 p.m. This does not include special meetings.

- . As of March 14th at 5:00 p.m., early voting had 276 voters at Crete Town Hall.

Trustee Grady: Report fund balances. See attached

Highway Commissioner: Report – See attached

Assessor :

- . Updating PAMS and are now ready to update 2018 numbers.
- . Archiving contest ran from Jan 24th thru March 2nd, Sarah won archiving 453 files and Tiffany was a close second with 388.
- . Looking forward to painting and moving furniture in the Assessor's office. Where do I start?

. Sarah and Mary will be attending classes in Bloomington for continuing education in the coming week.

. Senior and disability renewal forms will be mailed out the last week of March. Since the Messenger was mailed out, the office has received 16 senior homestead forms, 5 disabled persons and 6 disabled veteran forms as well as 3 senior freeze corrections.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Plan Commission – Will County Board has approved the solar farm on Goodenow Rd. with conditions. Added condition was for the installation of evergreens along the front. Washington Township held a meeting last month with another developer who wants to install another solar farm. Will County will be coming up with an ordinance regarding solar farms. Regarding flooding, a lot of tributaries flow through Will County, within Forest Preserve District property. For discussion sake, the Forest Preserve District will not be joining in allowing dams to be cleaned or streams to be drenched.

Building and Grounds – No report.

Senior Transportation – Area on Aging funding has been approved for another year.

Youth – No report.

Mosquito Abatement – Working on looking at state bids for the purchase of a new truck for spraying. The current truck will be donated to the Lions Club for use. Proposed dollar amount for the state bid truck, will be around \$35,000.00. Are currently building a truck per our specs. The new sprayer will be checked out, Clarke has sent a cheaper price for spray this year.

Senior & Special Events – To date, 200 seniors have signed up for the St. Patrick's Luncheon at Lincolnshire Country Club on March 23rd.

Old/New Business – SSSRA is again requesting funds for several township residents to enjoy special programs at their facilities. Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$4,144.00 was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hodge. Roll call was requested as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Grady – yes, Trustee Hodge – yes, Trustee Piacentini – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes.

Citizens to address the Board – None

Correspondence – Letter was received from a Township Resident regarding the proposed new Town Hall Campus. He was not in favor of the possibility of raising taxes, not only for the building, but also for additional personnel to manage the facilities.

Announcements – None

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Motion to approve the Town Fund bills as presented 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. Town Fund bills stand approved for payment as presented.

Motion to approve the Road and Bridge fund bills as presented was made by Trustee Elton, 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.

Trustee Elton made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Grady. All were in favor, meeting stands adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Kathie Holubek
Clerk