



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING January 11, 2016

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

President Michael Einhorn called the regular board meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Crete to order on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the municipal building at 524 W. Exchange Street, Crete, Illinois. President Einhorn led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a roll call by Village Clerk Deborah Bachert the following were present: Trustees Steven Beaudoin, Doris Harmon-Warren, Stephen Johnson, Holly Milburn, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustee Dean Gaffney was absent. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Attorney James Stevenson, Acting Administrator/Building Inspector Michael Smith, Police Chief James Paoletti, Deputy Police Chief Robert Hill, Fire Chief/Administrator Lyle Bachert, Public Works Superintendent Phil Hameister, Code Enforcement Supervisor/EMA Marty Braccio and Planning and Zoning Chairperson Karen Tellef.

CITIZENS' SPEAK

Visitors are always welcome to all public meetings of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Crete. Interested parties wishing to speak should identify their intent to speak, they then may give their name and where they reside if they so choose and then make their comment. Persons may also provide their address privately to the Village Clerk if they so choose; persons are advised that addresses are considered private information under the Freedom of Information Act and thus are exempt from disclosure pursuant to any Freedom of Information Act request. However, in order to give proper consideration to all items on the agenda, the President has the authority to limit participants in debates and will close repetitive or abusive remarks.

- Karen Tellef reported the Will County Hwy Dept. does not plan to replace any trees that were taken down during road construction alignment of Exchange Street. The original agreement for tree replacement was verbal only and is not going to happen.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

STEVEN BEAUDOIN DEAN GAFFNEY DORIS HARMON-WARREN STEPHEN E. JOHNSON HOLLY MILBURN MARK WIATER

Special orders

Unanimous Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a board member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- Approval of Minutes : Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2015
- Approval of Bills
- Ratification of Payroll

Trustee Wiater approved the bills of Trustee Gaffney, Building and Grounds.

A motion was made to accept the Unanimous Consent Agenda noting Trustee Wiater approved the bills for Buildings and Grounds.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Milburn, Johnson and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Gaffney Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren – no report

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson

- The Public Notice will be published in the Crete Record Monitor on Thursday, January 14, 2016 regarding possible construction of an iron-removal treatment plant at each of the five wells within the Village of Crete. As required by regulations, public comment is invited on the IEPA determination for a 10-day period from the date of publication.

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin – no report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Dean Gaffney – absent

Finance, License and Ordinance – Trustee Mark Wiater

- The TIF Joint Review Board Meeting will be held on January 25, 2016 at 3 p.m. in the Crete Municipal Building.

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn – no report

President Michael Einhorn –

- Public meetings are being scheduled in villages that will be affected by the closing of St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights. Mr. Kimmel, President of Franciscan St. James Health, will be responsible for the meetings, giving the public opportunity to ask questions concerning healthcare issues and the plans for healthcare facility changes in the south suburban area. Tentative date for Village of Crete meeting is January 27th. Information has been made available on social media, FB: Crete Community News You Can Use.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Plans were presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals on the Main Street development of Mahmoud Lakha and Mohammed Noor Yaqoob. Their request for a Planned Unit Development pursuant to Division 7 of the Crete Municipal Code was discussed. The property is generally bounded on the north by Exchange Street, on the west by Main Street, on the south by Cass Street and on the east by Wood Street. The Heritage Committee will meet with these people on January 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- The Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the board at the January 25, 2016 meeting.
- Retail Strategies will attend a board meeting in February to offer updates on progress they have made in bringing businesses to our area.

Police Department – Chief of Police James Paoletti

- Chief Paoletti reported several village residents called the department concerning suspicious activities. This aided the police department in apprehending individuals committing crimes. Recovery of stolen property was made.
- A memorandum of understanding has been signed between the Will County Sheriff and the Village of Crete Police Department concerning the handling and serving of warrants.
- The department has been contacted by ATF concerning a resident filing for a firearms business. Attorney Stevenson read from the Municipal Code Book that operation of the sale of firearms from homes within the village is not allowed per Village code. The possible need to look at the home occupation ordinance relative to gun sales will be investigated.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Lyle Bachert

- On December 14, 2015 Chief Bachert attended two graduations for members of the Crete Fire Department. Graduating from Prairie State College EMT Basic class were Justin Wiater, Keith Miller and Jordan Carlton. Graduating from the Fire Fighter Academy were Candice McCartan, Brandon Howard and Mikayla Douthitt.

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

Village Engineer – Tech III – no report

Building Department – Building Inspector Mike Smith – Report submitted

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Supervisor Marty Braccio – no report

Fire & Police Commission – no report

EMA – Marty Braccio – no report

Planning Commission – Karen Tellef – no report

COMMUNICATIONS:

Warrants:

Excise (Telecom. Tax) – (Col. Oct.)	2015-\$20,671.76	2014-\$18,649.56
Local Use – (Col. Sep)	2015-\$16,395.28	2014-\$13,976.18
Local Use – (Col. Oct)	2015-\$15,200.73	2014-\$11,917.68
Local Use – (Col. Nov)	2015-\$13,889.91	2014-\$12,906.36
Sales Tax – (Col. Oct)	2015-\$65,673.63	2014-\$65,481.98
Income Tax – (Col.)	2015-\$	2014-\$
MFT Allotment – (Col. Jul)	2015-\$20,833.58	2014-\$18,021.04
MFT Allotment – (Col. Aug)	2015-\$20,073.00	2014-\$12,236.96
MFT Allotment – (Col. Sep)	2015-\$13,516.64	2014-\$16,636.16

COMMUNICATIONS continued:

MFT Allotment – (Col. Oct)	2015-\$17,562.20	2014-\$17,905.15
MFT Allotment – (Col. Nov)	2015-\$20,340.09	2014-\$18,148.60
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2015-\$	2014-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col. Nov)	2015-\$19,987.26	2014-\$21,227.78
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. Nov)	2015-\$ 7,152.81	2014-\$10,266.54
Video Gaming Report (Col. May)	2015-\$ 6,305.53	2014-\$ 3,425.93
Video Gaming Report (Col. June)	2015-\$ 5,339.12	2014-\$ 3,113.32
Video Gaming Report (Col. July)	2015-\$ 5,665.12	2014-\$ 3,858.48
Video Gaming Report (Col. Aug.)	2015-\$ 5,200.82	2014-\$ 4,188.08
Video Gaming Report (Col. Sept.)	2015-\$ 4,702.37	2014-\$ 4,630.26
Video Gaming Report (Col. Oct.)	2015-\$ 6,118.15	2014-\$ 5,084.24

- Thank you note was received for the plant and flowers sent at the time of Donald Seehausen's passing. Letter was from Vicki and Dan Taylor, Wendy and Mike Rodgers, Linda Stolz and Don and Georgette Seehausen.
- December 14, 2015 letter received from Comcast with information concerning channel updates beginning January 2016.
- Crete Masonic Lodge No. 763, 1419 Main Street, Crete announcing their annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on February 28, 2016 at the Lodge Hall on Main Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Request from Crete American Legion for approval** to use their logo on the 2016-2017 vehicle stickers commemorating their 25th anniversary of serving the community of Crete. Board action is anticipated.

This was first presented and discussed by the board at the 12/14/15 board meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Crete American legion request to use their logo on the 2016-2017 vehicle stickers commemorating their 25th anniversary of serving the community of Crete.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Milburn, Johnson and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Gaffney Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

2. **Request for reconsideration of a business license application** from Daniel Louis, The Loft Restaurant located at 1336 Main Street. This matter was considered by the License Committee on December 9, 2015 where the recommendation was made by the license committee to deny the application based upon information received in supporting documents. Board action may be taken.

Neither Daniel Louis nor his attorney Mr. Derrick Reese was present at the board meeting; they had been made aware of this agenda item.

Village Attorney Stevenson spoke on the records that were presented at the License Committee meeting on December 9, 2015. Files had been presented from the Iowa justice department.

OLD BUSINESS continued:

On January 11, 2016 a Summons for Administrative Review was received by certified mail for a judicial review of the sub-committee decision.

Mr. Louis is requesting the business license application be approved.

The Village Board has the power to rule on business license applications as regulated in the Crete Municipal Code Book and to make judgement as to what is in the best interest of the people of Crete.

Business Applications submitted must reflect the truth. Even though Mr. Louis has completed his probation, the business application was made at the time when Mr. Louis was under probation by Iowa Court. Question No. 4 of the application asks has the applicant ever been arrested or convicted of any crime other than a minor traffic violation. Mr. Louis answered “no” on the application.

Deputy Chief Hill spoke of the files concerning multiple arrests, convictions and probation that have been acquired from Iowa and other locations. This information is gathered by the police department when business applications are submitted. Falsifications were found in the application submitted. The Class D felony Mr. Louis was charged with in Iowa compares to the Class IV felony of the State of Illinois.

It was noted by Attorney Stevenson that Mr. Louis did not deny the charges that were made against him but tried to state the amount of cannabis in his possession was less than the amount stated as delivered.

Deputy Chief Hill said other infractions were uncovered which included misdemeanor violations.

Trustee Beaudoin stated he was on the License Committee that recommended denying the application. He stated he asked Mr. Louis two questions at the license committee meeting.

- 1- Was Mr. Louis arrested for a controlled substance to which he answered yes.
- 2- Did Mr. Louis agree that question #4 on the business application had been falsified which he answered by apologizing for not answering the question with a yes, stating an Iowa attorney had told him to answer with the yes.

A motion was made to deny the business license application made by Mr. Louis to operate the Loft restaurant at 1336 Main Street, Crete.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

In further discussion, it was noted that hopefully Mr. Louis will learn from this business application process.

Chief of Police Paoletti, who chaired the sub-committee, stated it is obvious that Mr. Louis was less than truthful on his application and that his records from a business he had run in Iowa for 48 months showed 42 police calls during that time period.

On the Vote:

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson, Milburn, Harmon-Warren and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Gaffney Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

In other Old Business, Trustee Johnson asked for the board to consider the possibility of future requests for Vehicle Sticker participation by various groups within the Village. It was noted the current request by the American Legion was approved for specific reasons: The American Legion Post 1291 is celebrating their 25th anniversary of supporting civic activities in the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ratification of a phone poll** taken on December 29, 2015 asking for the Village to accept 61 (sixty-one) lots from Don Deel and Doris Deel. The phone poll results were unanimous “yes”. Board action is anticipated.

These lots had been acquired by Mr. Deel over many years and are located in platted subdivisions that have no improvements and are located east of Crete Road.

A motion was made to ratify the phone poll taken on December 29, 2015 asking for the Village to accept 61 (sixty-one) lots from Don Deel and Doris Deel.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson, Milburn, Harmon-Warren and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Gaffney Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

2. **Request from Jim Garrett**, Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, for a signed acknowledgement letter stating the Village of Crete is designated as a member of the CVB. This is an annual request. Board action is anticipated.

A motion was made to instruct the Mayor to sign the letter from the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau acknowledging the Village of Crete is designated as a member of the CVB.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson, Milburn, Harmon-Warren and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Gaffney Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

A motion was made to close the regular session of the board meeting and to move to executive session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of Compensation of specific employees and deliberation of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Holly Milburn

On a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson, Milburn, Harmon-Warren and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Gaffney Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

1. Compensation of specific employees and deliberation of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The board returned to open session at 9:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson, Milburn, Harmon-Warren and Wiater

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Gaffney

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

Passed and Approved on this 25 day of January, 2016.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President



Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk