



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 22, 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, February 22, 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, Dean Gaffney, Doris Harmon-Warren, Stephen Johnson, Holly Milburn, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Attorney James Stevenson, Acting Administrator/Building Inspector Michael Smith, Police Chief James Paoletti, 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.

- Presentation by Retail Strategies, an advisory firm focused on retail market analysis.

Discussion was moved to a later time in the meeting to accommodate technology issues experienced.

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 – February 8, 2016
- Approval of Bills
- Ratification of Payroll

A motion was made to accept the Unanimous Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Ayes (6) Trustees Beaudoin, Gaffney, Harmon-Warren, Milburn, Johnson and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (0) none Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren - no report

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson – no report

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin – no report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Dean Gaffney

- Explained his reasoning for reporting about his Florida real estate at the 2/8/16 village board meeting. He will share insights of working with other communities in their code departments. End of report.

Finance, License and Ordinance – Trustee Mark Wiater – no report

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn – no report

The normal order of business was changed at this time. 7:07 p.m.

- Presentation by Retail Strategies, an advisory firm focused on retail market analysis.

The presentation by Retail Strategies was held in the conference room of the police station beginning at 7:12 pm to be able to use the police department electronic technology needed for the presentation. A Village representative remained in the Village Hall Board room to direct any newcomers to the Police Department conference room.

Lauren Turriglio and Wade Robinett represented Retail Strategies. Mr. Robinett stressed the importance of the 3 year engagement to create a reasonable plan and for it to come to fruition. He presented a one year overview of the activities of Retail Strategies on behalf of the Village and also included the trends as they see it for 2016. The one negative Retail Strategies has heard from companies that have been contacted is the lack of rooftops in the area to entice businesses to locate here. The presentation and question period lasted approximately 40 minutes.

The board members and public in attendance returned to the board room at the Village Hall at 7:55 pm.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES continued:

President Michael Einhorn –

- The Mayor reported on the lack of electronics disposal options for residents in our area of Will County. He has a contact that may be able to assist in solving this problem and will take the information to the Crete Lions Club to see if they are interested in the option.
- The newest Federal Transportation bill has just been passed. It is called the FAST Act, which has a significant amount of money in it for roads and freight transportation projects. The SSMMA is working on a fact sheet for the Bill to determine if there are any funding opportunities for the Village.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Two new businesses have applied for licenses. They are located at 1211 Main Street (custom print shop) and 1375 Benton Street (bakery and homemade candies)

Police Department –Chief of Police James Paoletti

- Chief Paoletti reported on the selective media coverage concerning the atmosphere at Crete-Monee High School. The department continues to work the school district.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Lyle Bachert – no report

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Reported 259,000 gallons of water was pumped without issue from Well #9 for the fire on Old Monee Road on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

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:

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| Excise (Telecom. Tax) – (Col. Dec) | 2016-\$19,570.35 | 2015-\$21,891.26 |
| Local Use – (Col. Feb) | 2016-\$15,849.89 | 2015-\$14,086.89 |
| Sales Tax – (Col. Feb) | 2016-\$67,303.79 | 2015-\$66,377.87 |
| Income Tax – (Col.) | 2016-\$ | 2015-\$ |
| Income Tax – (Col.) | 2016-\$ | 2015-\$ |
| MFT Allotment – (Col. Jan) | 2016-\$18,003.53 | 2015-\$19,546.26 |
| Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.) | 2016-\$ | 2015-\$ |
| ComEd Utility Tax (Col.) | 2016-\$ | 2015-\$ |
| Nicor Utility Tax (Col.) | 2016-\$ | 2015-\$ |
| Video Gaming Report (Col. Dec) | 2016-\$ 5,616.10 | 2015-\$ 4,720.94 |

OLD BUSINESS continued:

- 3. Resolution No. 2016-566:** A Resolution authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Will County Sheriff and the Village of Crete for the storage and maintaining of warrants and wanted person transportation. Board action may be taken.

Village Attorney James Stevenson advised the Board that he spoke with Assistant States Attorney Phil Mock who confirmed that the liability for warrants not properly handled, warrants not properly removed from LEADS/NICI and false arrests resulting therefrom are assumed by the Sheriff under the Intergovernmental Agreement. The annual cost of this agreement is \$7,362.56.

A motion was made to adopt **Resolution No. 2016-566** authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Will County Sheriff and the Village of Crete for the storage and maintaining of warrants and wanted person transportation.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Ayes (6) Trustees Beaudoin, Gaffney, Harmon-Warren, Milburn, Johnson and Wiater

Nays (0) none

Absent (0) none

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

- 4. Discussion and possible action** to be taken regarding the sale of all or a portion of the 55 Acres commonly known as 1045 North Main.

President Einhorn stated this item would be set aside until after Executive Session tonight. Board action may or may not be taken.

- 5. Discussion of increasing the water rates** within the Village of Crete in anticipation of the iron removal project. Possible board action to be taken.

The Village Board discussed possible changes to the water rate structure in advance of selling a bond to pay for the iron removal equipment the Village intends to install at the five well sites. The bond is estimated to be \$4M, to be paid over a twenty year period. At this time the proposed monthly flat rate increase to the water bill is expected to be \$7.00 per unit, or \$21.00 per billing cycle.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion** on a letter dated January 28, 2016 that was received from Keller McIntyre & Associates describing the possibility of receiving grant consultation. A checklist for Federal Funding of Common Municipality Projects is available for use by villages. Board action may be taken.

The staff will explore the costs of engaging with the consulting firm of Keller McIntyre & Associates to aide in the process of seeking grants for the Village and report back to the board.

NEW BUSINESS continued:

- 2. WILCO Fire Chief's Association/MABAS Division 27** – Permission to install IFERN base radio and antenna on the water tower at Crete-Monee High School, 1525 W Exchange Street, Crete. (Note the corrected address) Board action may be taken.

Chief Bachert explained that the Wilco Fire Chief's Association has requested permission to move their base radio to the Village water tower by the Crete-Monee High School. This location should solve coverage issues that are experienced with its current location in University Park's industrial park by some villages of the participating members of MABAS Division 27.

A motion was made to authorize the Village attorney to draft an agreement and ordinance to install the IFERN base radio and antenna on the water tower at Crete-Monee High School, 1525 W. Exchange Street, Crete, IL and to place the ordinance on the consent agenda of the next Village Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Dean Gaffney

Ayes (6) Trustees Beaudoin, Gaffney, Harmon-Warren, Milburn, Johnson and Wiater

Nays (0) none

Absent (0) none

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

- 3. Discussion of Capital Bill Projects.** No board action is anticipated.

President Einhorn reported that State Rep. Elgie Sims spent the afternoon on 2/22/16 at the village hall talking with the Mayor, the Police Chief, the EMA Director and the staff about issues of importance and concern to the village. Both State Representatives Thaddeus Jones and Elgie Sims have told him that there appears to be support for passage of a new capital bill once the budget impasse is solved. The Village should consider 5-6 projects in reasonable dollar amounts that could be submitted for monies.

A motion was made to close the regular session of the board meeting and to move to executive session at 9:24 p.m. for the purpose of setting of a price for sale of property owned by the Village.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

On a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes (6) Trustees Beaudoin, Gaffney, Harmon-Warren, Milburn, Johnson and Wiater

Nays (0) none

Absent (0) none

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

1. The setting of a price for sale of property owned by the Village.

The board returned to open session at 10:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Ayes (6) Trustees Beaudoin, Gaffney, Johnson, Milburn, Harmon-Warren and Wiater

Nays (0) none Absent (0) none Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

Passed and Approved on this 14th day of March, 2016.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President

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Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk