



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING January 25, 2016

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

President Einhorn asked Seth Smith, a member of the Crete Boy Scout Troop 123, to take a seat with the board members for tonight's meeting. He is working on his merit badge for Citizenship in the Community.

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 25, 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, 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

Unanimous Consent Agenda continued.

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

- Reported that she will attend an IRMA orientation meeting in March 2016.

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson – no report

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 was held on January 25, 2016 at 3 p.m. in the Crete Municipal Building. Five taxing bodies were represented.
- Tuesday, January 26, 2016 is the Crete-Monee Special Olympics basketball Game at 7 p.m. at Crete-Monee High School. Donations will go to the Law Enforcement Torch Run on behalf of the Crete Police Department and to the Crete-Monee Special Olympics Team.

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn

- The “Spectacular” Event held at the high school on January 23, 2016 was a huge success. The Crete-Monee Choral Music Association and parents host and fund the event. Musical competition for twenty schools included performers numbering approximately 100 members from each school. An amazing event sponsored solely by the Music Association and the parents. Congrats for a job well done!

President Michael Einhorn –

- During the summer of 2017 the bridge over Deer Creek on IL Rt. 1 will be rebuilt. This will mean all lanes of Route 1 will be closed for approximately 60-90 days with signage designating alternate routes. There will be no traffic allowed on Rt. 1 during the rebuild of the bridge.
- The Village has received the EAV at \$171M. This is an increase over last year. As the value has increased, our tax rate could go down.
- President Einhorn and Trustee Wiater have conferred with Attorney Stevenson concerning the re-write of Chapter 2 of the Crete Municipal Code.
- EASTCOM consolidation continues. A letter has been received stating the County will build a new facility at Laraway Road and Route 52. Twenty-eight agencies will be included in the building. The EASTCOM and Lincolnway PSAPS will be closed. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 at the Pipe Fitters Building, Mokena IL.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Quarterly reports have been filed with DCEO. Funds continue to be held by the State until a budget is passed.
- “Ultimate Flavors” has relocated from Steger Rd and opened their business at 1395 Main St.
- It is hopeful the Craft Brewery will be ready to open within the next month.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued.

Police Department –Chief of Police James Paoletti

- Chief Paoletti reported contacting the ATF concerning filing for a firearms business within a residence. According to ATF there are currently no retail sales of firearms in residential areas of the Village. There are three businesses within the Village that are licensed to sell firearms.
- The School District is in discussion with the Police Department concerning staffing of a full time police officer at Crete-Monee High School. Talks will continue for a proposed three year plan and the method of payment for the officer. In current discussion is the possibility of a 50/50 sharing of the officer's salary by the school district and the Village.
- A memorandum of understanding between the Will County Sherriff and the Village of Crete Police Department concerning the handling and serving of warrants has been established.

A motion was made to direct the attorney to prepare the document for the Memorandum of Agreement for \$7,300.00 yearly and to direct the appropriate people to sign the agreement.

Motion by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Second by Trustee Holly Milburn

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

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

Fire Department – Fire Chief Lyle Bachert

- Recognized at the board meeting for their graduation on December 14, 2015 were Candice McCartan and Justin Wiater, valedictorian of his class. Chief Bachert stated he had attended two graduations for members of the Crete Fire Department on 12/14/15. Those 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. Congratulations to all.

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Reminded the board to be aware of the Crete Road rebuild scheduled for summer of 2018 and to not schedule this work at the same time as the Deer Creek Bridge road rebuild on IL Rt. 1.

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. Nov)	2015-\$20,613.82	2014-\$18,323.82
Local Use – (Col. Dec)	2015-\$15,970.22	2014-\$15,660.54
Local Use – (Col. Jan 2016)	2016- \$16,083.51	2015-\$14,817.27
Sales Tax – (Col. Nov)	2015-\$63,303.48	2014-\$58,827.52
Income Tax – (Col. Nov)	2015-\$55,563.20	2014-\$52,807.44
Income Tax – (Col. Dec)	2015-\$43,454.09	2014-\$39,707.87
MFT Allotment – (Col. Dec)	2015-\$18,639.68	2014-\$20,798.08
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col. Dec)	2015-\$ 4,385.53	2014-\$ 4,639.40

OLD BUSINESS continued:

4. Discussion on the proposed closure of St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights. This topic has been discussed at previous board meetings.

A Public meeting will be held at Bloom High School on February 9th, 2016 on the proposed closure of St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights. Mr. Kimmel, President of Franciscan St. James will be in attendance. Separate meetings scheduled in multiple villages have been discontinued. The negative affect the closure of this facility would have on our village is the distance and length of time to travel to Olympia Fields facility for emergency care. A letter was written by President Einhorn expressing thoughts on the future of health care services in the south suburbs and the reasons to continue with an emergency care facility in our immediate area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of whether or not to sell all property or part of the property known as the 55 Acres on North Main Street, commonly known as 1045 North Main. Board action may be taken.

President Einhorn expressed there may be a person interested in the purchase of all or part of the 55 acres owned by the Village that is located at 1045 North Main Street. In discussion Trustee Wiater reminded board members that when the purchase of the land was made, it was originally intended to develop/build on the property or to sell the property for someone else to develop. More information will be forthcoming as it is presented to the Village.

2. Discussion on going out to bid for the “2016 Sanitary Sewer Lining Various Locations”. Board action will be taken.

Superintendent Hameister explained the lining of sewers will take place in the areas noted from the latest video from last year. The work will take several years to complete. The plan would be for as much as \$250,000.00 for the coming year.

A motion was made to approve going out to bid for the “2016 Sanitary Sewer Lining Various Locations” and to set the bid opening date as Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Motion by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

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.

Notice will be made in the Thursday, January 28, 2016 edition of the Southtown newspaper.

A motion was made to close the regular session of the board meeting and to move to executive session at 8:53 p.m. for the purpose of setting of a price for sale of property owned by the Village and Discussion of possible threatened litigation.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

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. The setting of a price for sale of property owned by the Village.
2. Discussion of possible threatened litigation.

The board returned to open session at 10:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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.

Passed and Approved on this 8th day of February 2016.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President

Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk