



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING August 8, 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, August 8, 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, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustee Holly Milburn 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, Code Enforcement Ryan Allison Planning, Heritage Plan Commission Phyllis Monks 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.

- Robo Calls within the Village – Karen Tellef expressed concerns of misrepresentation to the residents from phone numbers being scammed within the Village. These calls are not being made by the Village.

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 – July 25, 2016
- Approval of Bills
- Ratification of Payroll
- **Ordinance No. 2016-15:** An Ordinance Initiating a Public Question for Submission to the Qualified Electors of the Village of Crete as to Whether the Village of Crete Should be Authorized to Levy a Non-Home Rule Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Service Occupation Tax in the Amount of 0.5% (commonly referred to as a municipal sales tax of one half cent per dollar). First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson. Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin. Motion carried.

Trustee Wiater approved the bills of Trustee Milburn for Road and Bridge.

A motion was made to approve the Unanimous Consent Agenda with the addition of bill approval by Trustee Wiater for Trustee Milburn, Road and Bridge.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

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

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

President Einhorn suggested all board members should inform their friends and neighbors of the plans for this tax increase.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

- Mosquito spraying will begin this week in the Village as residents have reported the presence of mosquitoes in our area.
- RFP's for waste removal is progressing.

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson – no report

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin – no report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Dean Gaffney – no report

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

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn – absent

- President Einhorn reported the MFT work in the Village is in full swing.

President Michael Einhorn

- The fire department is holding a drill in conjunction with other area departments in the evening on Tuesday, August 16th. The drill will be held at the public works building on Douglas Lane. Residents should expect significant activity in that area.
- The Mayor and Administrator Smith met with three of the local waste hauling companies to discuss the upcoming contract process.
- Reported that HITS Balmoral Park is having an informational luncheon on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the track for local elected officials.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES continued.

- The Mayor and Administrator Smith met with Illinois Secretary of Transportation Randy Blankenhorn recently to discuss roadway improvements that are needed in the area.
- The iron removal informational video is nearing completion.
- The Plans have been purchased for the iron removal equipment.
- Was contacted by Cobblestone Hotels in anticipation of future hotels needed spurred by HITS Balmoral Park.
- Received a revised hotel study concerning development within the area of Crete.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith – no report

Police Department –Chief of Police James Paoletti

- Reminder: Special Olympic Benefit Night at Culver’s on August 9th from 4 – 8 pm. All tips received by officers serving food will go to Special Olympics of Illinois.
- At the request of Trustee Milburn, the Police Department is working hard on identifying and ticketing vehicles without village stickers. The cost of a sticker is now \$100 because the time for having them displayed is past due and there is a 50% penalty.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Lyle Bachert – no report

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Reported IDOT has prepared plans for intersection improvement at IL 394 and Burville Road.

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

Animal Warden – Ryan Allison – no report

Planning Commission – Karen Tellef – no report

Heritage Commission – Phyllis Monks

- Reported that the Heritage Commission has approved the request for new signs at the Methodist Church and a request for awnings to be installed at Salon 22.
- The Crete Women’s Club is working on getting new banners for the street light poles in the old downtown area.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Warrants:

Excise (Telecom. Tax) – (Col. May)	2016-\$19,962.97	2015-\$21,158.19
Local Use – (Col. Jul)	2016-\$16,246.60	2015-\$15,259.95
Sales Tax – (Col.)	2016-\$	2015-\$
Income Tax – (Col. June)	2016-\$53,848.10	2015-\$61,481.65
MFT Allotment – (Col.)	2016-\$	2015-\$
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2016-\$	2015-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col. June)	2016-\$25,145.41	2015-\$22,598.58
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. June)	2016-\$ 4,370.99	2015-\$ 4,778.20
Video Gaming Report (Col. May)	2016-\$ 5,814.40	2015-\$ 6,305.53

COMMUNICATIONS continued.

- **Reminder to support our police** as Culvers hosts a fundraiser to support Special Olympics on Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 from 4 pm until 8 pm.
- **The Crete Fire Department** is planning to have their annual Collection Day for MDA on Friday, August 19th.
- **Senator Michael E. Hastings announcing the “Back to School Celebration Giveaway”** on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 11 am until 3 pm at 4747 Lincoln Mall Drive. In partnership with the Layne Foundation, a community health agency, they will be providing dental and health screenings, immunizations, book bags and supplies along with haircuts, food and entertainment for children across the south suburbs. Asking the Village for donations of time, school supplies or monetary contributions.
- **A Letter of commendation from Franciscan St. Margaret Health** was received by the Crete Fire department for their efforts in saving a life on July 27th. Thanks to the crew comprised of EMA Director Marty Braccio and fire department members Scott Bolda, Jon Sloop, Justin Pancrazio, Daryl Gralewski, Kevin Leroy and Jim Boehner.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion regarding the sale** of a 55 acre parcel commonly known as 1045 Main Street. The Board is considering selling a 55 acre parcel owned by the Village to spur development, plan for a connection street between Forest Glen Subdivision and Route 1 and to preserve the stand of old Oak trees located at the eastern portion of the property. No final action is anticipated.

In discussion the board decided to exclude property immediately along Main Street from this sale. This change in plans is due to the HITS purchase of Balmoral Park and the anticipation to become ready to be a host the large numbers of people predicted to come to the area when the HITS season begins.

With the approval of the Village Board an effort will be made to market the frontage on Main Street for retail sale. No price has been finalized for the remainder of the land anticipated to be sold.

Trustee Beaudoin suggests the Village not to put all their eggs in one basket. This could be the time to create competition and an area of retail along Route 1.

Agreeing with Trustee Beaudoin, Trustee Gaffney suggested the implementation of improvements could create interest in this property.

It was suggested Retail Strategies be contacted to become involved in getting businesses to come to the area now that HITS is coming.

The Army Corp of Engineers has the wetlands study and is in the process of making their decision on what is and is not jurisdictional. There was no final action taken by the board.

NEW BUSINESS continued:

3. School Bus service in the district at vacant lots.

Trustee Gaffney reminded the board of the drop off of children at vacant lots last year when school began. It was suggested to visit the school board on this issue as the Village has no control over this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Harmon-Warren

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

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

Passed and Approved on this 22nd day of August, 2016.

Michael S. Einhorn, Village President

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Deborah S. Bachert, Village Clerk