



VILLAGE *of* CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING August 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, August 22, 2016 at 7:03 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 Dean Gaffney, Doris Harmon-Warren, Stephen Johnson, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustee Steven Beaudoin 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, Animal Warden/Code Enforcement Ryan Allison, 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.

- No one from the audience asked to speak before the board.

On request of President Einhorn, a deviation was made to the agenda.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

An informational DVD was shown on the proposed iron removal system for the Village. The video was supplied by Rebecca Harley. Corrections are needed before presenting the video to the general public. To allow people to see the video, ideas expressed for marketing included: YouTube, Local TV channel, a link to YouTube from the Village website and special town meetings. Staff will discuss and set up meetings and ways to publicize after the video is ready.

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 – August 8, 2016
- Approval of Bills
- Ratification of Payroll
- **Ordinance No. 2016-16:** An Ordinance increasing water rates for iron removal and amending Chapter 2, Section 2-301 and Chapter 27, Section 27-22 of the Crete Municipal Code. This is the ordinance that would raise the water rates and establish the monthly fee to pay for the iron removal loan. 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 Beaudoin, Public Safety.

A motion was made to approve the Unanimous Consent Agenda with the addition of bill approval by Trustee Wiater for Trustee Beaudoin.

Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

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

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

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren – no report

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson

- Has met with Tech 3 to look at designs of buildings for the iron removal plan.
- The sewer drawings are completed for Well #8.
- Currently waiting for information from Bob Matthey at Tech 3 for financing of the iron removal system. The Village needs to submit the formal financial package to the IEPA for loan approval.

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin – absent

Building and Grounds – Trustee Dean Gaffney – no report

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES continued.

Finance, License and Ordinance – Trustee Mark Wiater

- Asked Attorney Stevenson to give an update on two ongoing items.
 1. Emails sent or received on private accounts may fall within the scope of FOIA following an August 9, 2016 opinion by the Illinois Attorney General.
 2. The Illinois Cannabis Control Act has been amended. Being found with less than 10 grams of cannabis is now considered a civil law violation with a fine of up to \$200.00 and expunging of arrests are automatic under State Law.

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn

- The MFT road work within the Village is almost complete.
- Mayor Einhorn added the Village is working towards engineering on Crete Road. The necessary brush has been cleared for engineering to proceed.

President Michael Einhorn

- Attended another EASTCOM consolidation meeting where in his opinion the changes forced to be made will not be favorable to the municipalities that are located in eastern Will County.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Waste hauler bids are due Friday, August 26th, 2016.

Police Department – Chief of Police James Paoletti

- Special Olympic Benefit Night at Culver's on August 9th from 4 – 8 pm went well. All tips received by officers serving food will be going to Special Olympics of Illinois = \$1,117.37.
- With the Illinois Attorney General's Opinion making both business and personal phones subject to FOIA, Chief Paoletti raised a concern that the department may need to purchase some new phones for officers to use, rather than using their personal phones to conduct business.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Lyle Bachert

- On Friday, August 19th the department raised \$2,778.47 for MDA. This is an annual fund raiser held by our fire department for MDA.

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Helsel Jepperson notified Supt Hameister the lighting grant may be near completion.

Village Engineer – Tech III – no report

Building Department – Building Inspector Mike Smith – Report submitted

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Supervisor Marty Braccio – no report

Animal Warden/Code Enforcement – Ryan Allison – no report

Fire & Police Commission – no report

EMA – Marty Braccio – no report

Planning Commission – Karen Tellef – no report

Heritage Commission – Phyllis Monks - absent

OLD BUSINESS continued:

Marty Braccio stated the hazardous removal of lead or asbestos was not included in bids that were submitted. At the meeting with all interested parties in the demolition of the building at 280 W Exchange Street, the bidders were told hazardous items would be excluded from the bid process. Marty Braccio said the estimates received for hazardous asbestos removal range in price from \$14,000.00 to \$19,000.00. He also stated there were stipulations included in the bid by Lee Werner concerning hazardous material removal.

A motion was made to accept the low bid as submitted by Lee Werner Excavating in the amount of \$35,600.00.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Dean Gaffney

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

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

- 1. Discussion on Directional Billboards and Directional Signage at Route 394** (possibly lighted) for the Village along Route 394. Visit www.illinoislighting.org for the Illinois Coalition for Responsible Lighting views on lighting. No final action is anticipated.

Trustee Gaffney had requested the billboard discussion be placed on the agenda for this meeting as Trustee Milburn was absent at the last board meeting. He provided some printed information derived from the internet on electronic billboards.

Trustee Harmon-Warren provided pictures to board members of electronic signs. When she attended a meeting of the Crete Chamber of Commerce, their opinion is that there is not enough signage in place advertising the Village of Crete. In her search for information she suggests looking at "Flip Hound", a service provider.

Trustee Wiater feels that billboard type advertising in areas that are a greater distance from the Village will not benefit our town.

President Einhorn is interested in the costs required to purchase monument style billboards, feeling that two of these would be needed along Route 394.

More discussion and information will be forthcoming.

- 2. 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.

Nothing was discussed at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS continued:

- 3. Ordinance No. 2016-_____:** An Ordinance creating a recapture of costs for completion of roadway improvements abating a nuisance in Vincennes Place Subdivision. Board action may be taken.

To date, a total of \$40,420.85 has been spent on this project.

A motion was made to place the Ordinance creating a recapture of costs for completion of roadway improvements abating a nuisance in Vincennes Place Subdivision on the consent agenda for September 12th 2016 and to add projected costs for street lights to this ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Dean Gaffney

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

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

- 4. Results of RFP Opening** for demolition of building located at 280 W. Exchange Street. Two bids were received. KLF bid received at \$37,138.00 and Lee Werner Excavating bid received at \$35,600.00. Board action may be taken.

Discussed at the beginning of Old Business agenda items.

- 5. Pokemon Go Event:** Trustee Milburn asked if the Village is interested in hosting a Pokemon Go Event and suggested that getting police officers involved with our youth could be a good PR opportunity. President Einhorn said there would not be funding available to the officers but that Trustee Milburn can contact anyone she feels could be interested in working on such an event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion on Restoration of Paving Bricks** as TIF# 2 expense. Board action may be taken.

President Einhorn said according to Byron McNally, Landscape/Lawn Maintenance Company, there is approximately 38,000 square feet of paver bricks in need of attention in Crete, which is a normal wear and tear occurrence. Repairing paver sections is a very slow process. President Einhorn asked the board members for their input. The possibility of changing to stamped cement was discussed. More information and input is needed prior to a decision is made. Pros and cons of materials to be used must be considered.

NEW BUSINESS continued:

6. Trustee Milburn: Main Street America

Trustee Milburn supplied information on "Main Street America" which came from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately owned nonprofit organization working to save America's historic places. It offers ideas for revitalization of the downtown and commercial districts. This program could offer help in beautification of the Village. It was agreed to share this information with the Heritage Commission.

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 9:35 pm.

Motion by Trustee Holly Milburn

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

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

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

Passed and Approved on this 12th day of SEPTEMBER, 2016.

Michael S. Einhorn, Village President



Deborah S. Bachert, Village Clerk