



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING October 10, 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, October, 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 Bächert the following were present: Trustees Dean Gaffney, Doris Harmon-Warren, Stephen Johnson, Holly Milburn, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustee Steve 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, Fire Chief Mike Vittori, Public Works Superintendent Phil Hameister, Code Enforcement Supervisor/EMA Marty Braccio, Animal Warden/Code Enforcement Ryan Allison, Fire and Police Commission Chairperson Dale Nelson and Phyllis Monks Heritage Commission.

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.

- Robert Kraemer, representing the Crete Lions Club, asked for cones to be placed in the intersection of Main and Exchange during the collection time on October 14-15th.
- Nate Cunningham, Supt of Crete-Monee School District, commented the schools in the district are open for residents who are interested in learning about the award winning schools. Staff will direct those persons interested in visiting.

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 – September 26, 2016
- Approval of Bills
- Ratification of Payroll

Trustee Wiater approved bills of Trustee Beaudoin, Public Safety.

A motion was made to approve the Unanimous Consent Agenda with the approval of Trustee Beaudoin's bills by Trustee Wiater.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Holly Milburn

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

- Continues to work on preparations with Tech 3 for the new computer control system for the water filtration.

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin – absent

Building and Grounds – Trustee Dean Gaffney – no report

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

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn – no report

President Michael Einhorn

- The referendum placed on the November 8th ballot for an increase in the municipal sales tax by one half cent per dollar is hoped to generate \$400,000.00 annually and will be used to fund a road repair/program within the Village.
- The Mayor commented on the State of Illinois proposed amendment on the November 8th ballot. In his opinion, the wording on the proposed amendment needs more details.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Retail Strategies is making plans for a presentation to be made to the board.
- The digital signage contact person is working on information to be presented to the board on the best location for electronic signs and any costs involved. It is intended for the advertisers to deal directly with the sign company.
- A mailing will go out to the residents of Crete with explanation on the Village Sales Tax referendum on the November 8th ballot. First mailing will be sent out on Friday, October 14th. A second mailing with similiar information will be sent out in late October or early November.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued:

Police Department –Chief of Police James Paoletti – no report

Fire Department – Fire Chief Lyle Bachert

- October is designated as “Fire Prevention Month”. The week of October 10th has been Fire Protection Week in the Village. There have been many visits by area school children to Station 1 and there have been visits to school sites by the duty crews.

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- The branch chipping will end after October 31st until next year.
- The leaf collection will begin shortly as some people are already lining streets with leaves.

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

- EMA will sponsor a training class called Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) on Saturday, October 15th from 8 am until 5 pm and on Wednesday, October 19th from 6 pm to 9 pm. This is a citizen training class for community preparedness. Attendance is required for both days. Class will be held at Crete Township Hall, 1367 Wood Street, Crete. Sergeant Ken Cook is the Crete CERT Coordinator. (708) 672-1438. Email: ema@villageofcrete.org.
- Demolition of the building at 280 W Exchange has been completed. A decision needs to be made on whether to remove the concrete floors and foundation or build over it.

Planning Commission – Karen Tellef – absent

Heritage Commission – Phyllis Monks – no report

COMMUNICATIONS:

Warrants:

Excise (Telecom. Tax) – (Col. July)	2016-\$19,768.58	2015-\$20,994.50
Local Use – (Col. Sept.)	2016-\$17,830.36	2015-\$16,395.28
Sales Tax – (Col. July)	2016-\$66,469.75	2015-\$77,107.87
Income Tax – (Col.)	2016-\$	2015-\$
MFT Allotment – (Col.)	2016-\$	2015-\$
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2016-\$	2015-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col.)	2016-\$	2015-\$
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. Aug.)	2016-\$ 4,005.18	2015-\$ 4,205.74
Video Gaming Report (Col. July)	2016-\$ 6,468.51	2015-\$ 5,665.12

- An email request was received from Becca Wolfe asking whether the Village had a time capsule that the Methodist Church may have participated in. It was suggested she contact the Crete Public Library.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion on** possible designs of signs for Route 394. Board action may be taken.

As Impact Outdoors is compiling information concerning electronic sign media, the Village will discuss the electronic signs at a future date.

In other signage business, the Village was approached to allow a 40" monitor sign to be placed in the Village Hall lobby and to be limited to advertising businesses within the Village.

- Michelle, representing All Right Sign, was asked to supply pricing to update the current Village sign by the municipal building.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Establishing Trick or Treat Hours** for Monday, October 31, 2016. Last year's established hours were: Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. requiring adult supervision from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Board action is anticipated.

A motion was made to establish Trick or Treat Hours for the Village on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. requiring adult supervision from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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.

2. **Discussion** on sponsorship of the House Decorating Contest associated with Crete Country Christmas weekend. The Village has been asked to sponsor the prizes. Board action may be taken.

Staff will work on this project as information is provided from the Crete Country Christmas Committee. The Village may supply nominal prizes for the house decoration contest.

3. **Request for temporary sign request.** Realtor Bruce Hackel is asking board approval to place a temporary sign for two weeks at the corner of Exchange and Columbia to advertise apartment rental availability at 1309 Columbia. Proposed sign is metal, 4 ft tall X 2 ft wide and will be two-sided. Board action is anticipated.

Bruce Hackel provided information on the market in Crete. A slowly healing recovery continues.

A motion was made to approve the request made by Bruce Hackel for a temporary sign for a period of two weeks, effective October 11, 2016 through October 25, 2016, placed at the corner of Exchange and Columbia to advertise apartment rental availability at 1309 Columbia with the proposed sign to be metal, 30" tall X 28" wide and two-sided.

Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson

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. **Resolution No. 2016-578:** Resolution to allow the Village of Crete to hold the annual Christmas parade on Illinois Route #1 on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. which will require the closing of Illinois Route #1 from Burville Road to Milburn Avenue. Board action is anticipated.

A motion was made adopt Resolution No. 2016-578 allowing the Village of Crete to hold the annual Christmas parade on Illinois Route #1 on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. which will require the closing of Illinois Route #1 from Burville Road to Milburn Avenue.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Stephen Johnson

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

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

5. **Resolution No. 2016-579:** A resolution authorizing the Village Attorney to file a request to intervene in Board of Review Docket Number 16-0944 (St. James Property, LLC) St. James has filed a tax appeal. Board action is anticipated.

A motion was made adopt Resolution No. 2016-579 allowing the Village Attorney to file a request to intervene in Board of Review Docket Number 16-0944 (St. James Property, LLC) St. James has filed a tax appeal.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Holly Milburn

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

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

6. **Discussion regarding:** Village Board representation of Community on Contentious School District Actions. Board action may be taken.

As Trustee Beaudoin was unable to attend tonight's meeting, President Einhorn suggested the discussion regarding Village Board representation on a community citizen panel in reviewing school board actions be continued to another meeting. Trustee Beaudoin had asked for this item to be on the agenda.

7. **Discussion** of liquor licenses and gaming cafes/parlors. Board action may be taken.

President Einhorn stated he has received calls from two parties interested in bringing gaming cafes to the Village. He questioned if there is a need to review our current municipal code in relationship to this type of business. Possible changes to the liquor license regulations to address gambling parlors and fees for requesting a liquor license that will cover the cost of a background and finger print check of the applicant and the cost of publishing a public notice of the hearing were discussed. The Village Attorney was asked to work on establishing new regulations through an ordinance and recommend how to limit gambling parlors in the downtown historic area of Crete.

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 of the public body and Review of Executive Session Minutes.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

On Roll Call:

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

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

