



# VILLAGE of CRETE

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## MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING November 28, 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, November 28, 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 Steve Beaudoin, Doris Harmon-Warren, Stephen Johnson, Holly Milburn and President Michael Einhorn. Trustees Dean Gaffney and Mark Wiater were absent. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Attorney James Stevenson, Acting Administrator/Building Inspector Michael Smith, Police Chief James Paoletti, Fire Chief Mike Vittori, Public Works Superintendent Phil Hameister, Animal Warden/Code Enforcement Ryan Allison and Karen Tellef, Planning and Zoning.

### 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.

- Chief Paoletti addressed the board on behalf of a resident concerning the removal process of personal identifiers from the minutes of a previous board meeting. The board will take action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### 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 – November 14, 2016
- Approval of Bills
- Ratification of Payroll
- **Ordinance No. 2016-22:** An Ordinance establishing an increased application fee for liquor license, creating gaming liquor licenses and amending Chapter 4, Alcoholic Liquor of the Crete Municipal Code. First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin, Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren. Motion carried.
- **Ordinance No. 2016-23:** An Ordinance updating the Residential Charge regarding Solid Waste Removal and amending Chapter 2, Article V of the Crete Municipal Code. First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren, Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin. Motion carried. . First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin, Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren. Motion carried.

Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren requested the next four ordinances which were Items 1 – 4 listed under New Business be moved to the consent agenda for approval. These ordinances pertain to the levy and abatement for 2016.

- **Ordinance No. 2016- 24:** An Ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes of the Village of Crete, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of May 2016 and ending on the thirtieth day of April 2017. The ordinance levies real estate taxes as may be authorized by law to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Village of Crete. Board action is anticipated. . First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin, Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren. Motion carried.
- **Ordinance No. 2016-25:** An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2016 to pay debt service on \$500,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2009, of the Village of Crete, Will County, Illinois. Board action is anticipated. . First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin, Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren. Motion carried.
- **Ordinance No. 2016- 26 :** An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2016 to pay debt service on \$1,125,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012 (Water and Sewer Alternate Revenue Source), of the Village of Crete, Will County, Illinois. Board action is anticipated. . First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin, Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren. Motion carried.
- **Ordinance No. 2016-27:** An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Crete Special Service Area No. 4 for the Fiscal Year commencing on the first day of May 2016 and ending on the thirtieth day of April 2017. Board action is anticipated. First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin, Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren. Motion carried.

**Unanimous Consent Agenda continued.**

President Einhorn requested to add two bills for approval. The bills were to Sikich for \$25,000.00 for the annual audit and to Nydam Motors for \$2,476.00 to repair the damaged police vehicle which was struck by a deer.

A motion was made to approve the Unanimous Consent Agenda with additions of two bills by President Einhorn and the request by Trustee Harmon-Warren to move **Ordinance No. 2016- 24, Ordinance No. 2016- 25, Ordinance No. 2016- 26 and Ordinance No. 2016- 27** to the consent agenda.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Ayes (4) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson, Harmon-Warren, Milburn

Nays (0) none

Absent (2) Trustees Gaffney and Wiater

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

President Einhorn read aloud the line items of the tax levy ordinance for 2016. The total amount levied is at \$2,575,200, an increase from last year of 2.735% or \$68,548. The increase is primarily due to an increase in the Police Pension portion of the levy of \$50,000. The Village will most likely receive only about a .07% increase due to the low cost of living figure. This will actually limit the increase to about \$18,000.

The board abated the tax levy on two bond issues which are being paid for through water and sewer billing.

**REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES**

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

- Reported that the cost of liability insurance will be rising slightly this year because of an increase in the Village's loss experience during the last calendar year. The new cost will be just under \$238,000.

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson

- Continues to work on the water filtration system steps towards completion and having meetings with DPW Supt Hameister and Tech 3.

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin

- Commented that crimes increase during the holiday season and reminded the public to be vigilant about securing their personal belongings, etc. and their surroundings. Practice Safety.

Building and Grounds – Trustee Dean Gaffney - absent

Finance, License and Ordinance – Trustee Mark Wiater - absent

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn

- Congratulations to the Crete Bulldogs Varsity Team. They won First Place at the Nationals Games in Florida over the Thanksgiving holiday. Congrats to Coach Sam.
- Thanks to EASTCOM, the Fire Department and Police Department for their help when she needed their assistance on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

**REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES continued.**

President Michael Einhorn

- Mayor reported completion of the required financial analysis necessary prior to the approval for the IEPA bond for the iron removal project. Currently waiting for a call from the State to confirm that the response is sufficient. The Village Attorney is in the process of completing more required paperwork regarding the bond issue.
- As noted at a previous meeting, the Village will be sponsoring the house decorating contest and is hopeful people will register their homes for consideration.
- Consolidation issues continue. The situation being created is not favorable for the towns located in eastern Will County.
- Encouraged everyone to enjoy Crete Country Christmas Dec 2, 3 & 4th.

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Administrator Smith stated that in the coming weeks Allied will begin preparations for the curbside recycle program slated for January 2017. It a part of our garbage pick-up contract. Every house will be receiving a toter just for recyclable items. Participation by the residents is voluntary, but we need to encourage everyone to recycle as much as possible. The new containers will be emptied on a bi-weekly basis at the same time and day that normal garbage pick-up takes place.
- Downtown sound system has been updated and is now operating properly.

Trustee Gaffney arrived at 7:45 pm.

Police Department –Chief of Police James Paoletti

- Police Chief Paoletti reported that through the great work of the Crete PD, particularly Investigator Adam Groszek, the recent robbery at a local gas station was solved and an arrest was made within three days. The Chief reported that he is very proud of his men and their performance.
- Reported on the subjects that were arrested as the result of a home invasion in November 2015. Two offenders from Indiana have been convicted and are now serving a 4-6 year prison sentence. The third person involved is on probation for three years.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Mike Vittori

- Chief Vittori congratulated seven members of the fire department for their quick response and action on a recent ambulance call on November 16th. The patient was transported to Olympia Fields where the cardiac cath lab is located. The Franciscan Health Center sent the Crete Fire Department a letter stating due to their quick response time, the patient had a stent placed in his blocked artery at St. James Olympia Fields Hospital within 83 minutes of the fire department receiving the call. The patient is doing well. Congratulations.

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Preparing for Crete Country Christmas and continuing with leaf pick-up in the Village.

Village Engineer – Tech III – no report

Building Department – Building Inspector Mike Smith – Report submitted

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Supervisor Marty Braccio – absent

Animal Warden/Code Enforcement – Ryan Allison – no report

Fire & Police Commission – no report

EMA – Marty Braccio – absent

Planning Commission – Karen Tellef – no report

Heritage Commission – Phyllis Monks - absent



**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** none was held

**ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Motion by Trustee Holly Milburn

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

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

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Wiater

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

Passed and Approved on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

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Michael S. Einhorn, Village President

  
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Deborah S. Bachert, Village Clerk