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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 12, 2018

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, February 12, 2018 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, Raymond Harley, Stephen Johnson, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustee Holly Milburn was absent. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Attorney James Stevenson, Administrator Michael Smith, Police Chief James Paoletti, Deputy Police Chief Scott Pieritz, Supt. Of Public Works Phil Hameister, Fire Administrator Mike Waterman, Code Enforcement Supervisor/EMA Director Marty Braccio, Animal Control Officer Ryan Allison, and Chairperson of Planning and Zoning Commission Karen Tellef.

President Einhorn introduced Dana Szymczak as a new hire in the front office as a Utility Billing Clerk.

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.

- Introduction of the Crete Fire Department Chaplain, Pastor Frank Italiano

Fire Chief Mike Waterman introduced Pastor Frank Italiano of Trinity Lutheran Church as the Crete Fire Department Chaplain. This is the first time the Department has had an official chaplain.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

STEVEN BEAUDOIN • RAYMOND E. HARLEY • DORIS HARMON-WARREN • STEPHEN E. JOHNSON • HOLLY MILBURN • MARK WIATER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**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 – January 22, 2018
- Approval of Bills (01/23/18 thru 02/09/18)
- Ratification of Payroll - Bi-weekly payroll ending January 31, 2018

Due to an opinion from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, President Einhorn read aloud the items as listed for approval prior to action being taken on the Consent Agenda with brief explanations.

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

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

Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

On Roll Call:

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

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Milburn

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES:

President Michael Einhorn

- President Einhorn will attend a meeting of area communities in the coming weeks to discuss the topic of truck routes in eastern Will County. This is in response to the Will County Community Friendly Transportation Plan. Currently there are no officially county designated truck routes in this area.

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren – no report

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson – no report

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin – no report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Raymond Harley – no report

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

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn – no report

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Heritage Commission has approved the request made by Fitness Premier on Main Street to update the façade of the existing building.
- New panels will be installed in the sign at 1351 Main Street that has remained empty for quite some time. Branding of the gasoline will be Mobil. This change will happen in the near future.
- The owners group of Pizza Hut, 1412 Main Street, will present further plans for the Planning and Zoning Commission to review. The proposed changes have tentatively been approved.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued:

Police Department – Chief of Police James Paoletti

- At a meeting for the Special Olympics of Illinois, Officer Aldon Taylor received an award for the Crete Police Department’s participation in the 2017 Torch Run. The amount raised: \$14,167.59.

Police Department – Deputy Chief Scott Pieritz

- The Crete Police Department vs. the Crete Fire Department will participate in the Special Olympics fund raiser basketball game scheduled at Crete-Monee on Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm. The public is encouraged to come and support his cause.

Fire Department – Fire Administrator/Chief Mike Waterman

- Reported that the department will be undergoing ice rescue training during the month of February. The February 13th meeting will be held in conjunction with Crete Twp Fire Dept at Siliker to participate in a water rescue drill.
- The department has been clearing hydrants of snow within the Village.
- A grant in the amount of \$5,500.00 was received from CSX. Intentions are to purchase ALS equipment to be placed on an engine in case needed at a call when both CFD ambulances are in use at other locations.
- There will be a meeting on February 26, 2018 with representatives of St. Margaret’s Hospital in Dyer to discuss the local impact of the closing of St. James in Chicago Heights and how to deal with the additional patient load at the hospital. Persons attending will include Chief Waterman along with other area Fire Chiefs,

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Department activity has included snowplowing and water main breaks over the past weeks.
- In a joint statement of Village management, all residents need to be reminded that blowing or plowing snow into the streets is a prohibited act. Tickets may be issued for noncompliance. Residents need to plan their snow removal process appropriately to avoid putting snow in the street. This information may also be found on the Village’s web site.

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 – Dale Nelson – no report

EMA – Marty Braccio – no report

Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer – Ryan Allison – no report

Planning Commission – Karen Tellef – no report

Heritage & Architecture Commission – Phyllis Monks – no report

COMMUNICATIONS:

Warrants:

Excise (Telecom. Tax) – (Col.)	2018-\$ 17,335.68	2017-\$ 20,146.40
Local Use – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Sales Tax – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Sales Tax of ½ percent – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$ no history
Income Tax – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
MFT Allotment – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2018-\$ 18,684.06	2017-\$ 18,624.89
ComEd Utility Tax (Col. Dec 2017)	2018-\$ 24,448.22	2017-\$ 23,130.19
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. Dec. 2017)	2018-\$ 13,600.21	2016-\$ 14,718.48
Video Gaming Report (Col.)	2018-\$ 9,890.82	2017-\$ 7,004.00

COMMUNICATIONS continued:

- Reminder: The semi-annual all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast by the Crete Masonic Lodge will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the Lodge Hall, 1419 Main Street, Crete from 8 am until 1 pm. Tickets prices are \$8.00 per adult, children 5-12 \$3.00 and under age five are free.
- Request from Crete Park towards the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 23rd and March 24th. They are requesting donations of candy, small prizes, company coupons, gift certificates or a financial donation to offset costs of the event (Make checks payable to Crete Park Pals Foundation). The eggs are purchased in bulk each year from Sunny Bunny, a company providing meaningful employment to people with disabilities since 1966. Contact Janel Geary or Therese Hale at Crete Park District for more information.
- January 25th 2018 announcement from Comcast of the migration of Channel 484, Great American Country, to the Digital Preferred package beginning April 10, 2018.
- A Thank you note was received from the family of Randy Dekens for the arrangement sent at the time of his passing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Frank Diliberto of Diliberto Real Estate Services with give a status report on the listing agreement. No board action is anticipated.

Due to illness, Mr. Diliberto was unable to attend tonight's meeting as had been scheduled. This is the second time he has failed to appear before the board when asked. He will be contacted and asked to appear at the next board meeting.

2. Discussion on property located at 1351 Main Street. No board action is anticipated.

Trustee Beaudoin initiated a discussion on property located at 1351 Main Street and the property to the south and east of the current gas station. The Trustee stated that various people including residents and business owners have been contacting him about the appearance of the property. Currently the owner has no firm plans on what to do with the property other than the previously proposed large convenience store. Administrator Smith recently had a meeting with the owner, however it was not productive.

3. **Resolution No. 2018-602:** A Resolution declaring a certain vehicle as Surplus Personal Property, to wit: (1) Ford Crown Victoria vehicle and authorizing its donation for Illinois Special Olympics fundraising. Board action is anticipated.

The vehicle will be used in a fund raising race event for Special Olympics this summer. The race is titled the "Dirty O" race and includes 11 laps around a track. The title of this vehicle will no longer remain in the name of the Village. It is yet to be determined who will drive the vehicle in the event.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2018-602 declaring a certain vehicle as Surplus Personal Property, to wit: (1) Ford Crown Victoria vehicle and authorizing its donation for Illinois Special Olympics fundraising during the summer of 2018.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

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

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Milburn

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-03 continued:

A motion was made to adopt **Ordinance No. 2018-03**, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Crete and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (Crete Sergeants) 2017-2020.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

ON ROLL CALL

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

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

3. **Discussion** on the possible use TIF# 3 Funds to extend sanitary sewer from Hartmann and Burville to State Street to serve Wellbuilt site. Board action may be taken.

Through discussion on the possible use of TIF# 3 Funds to extend sanitary sewer from Hartmann and Burville to State Street to serve Wellbuilt site, the board agreed the engineering phase should begin. The owners of Wellbuilt intend to increase their building area and need to eliminate their septic system to make room for a new roadway and building. The Board approved the use of TIF #3 funds for the project; however no specific dollar amount is available at this time. An ordinance will be prepared and presented specifying the amount of funds to be dedicated to the project.

Trustee Wiater announced no executive session is needed this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None was held.

1. Collective negotiating matters between the Village and MAP Chapter 36 (Crete Patrol Officers)

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

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

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

Passed and Approved on this 26th day of February, 2018.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President

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Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk