



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 25, 2019

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 25, 2019 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, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustee Ray Harley was absent. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Attorney James Stevenson, Administrator Michael Smith, and Heritage Commission Representative Phyllis Monks

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. In addition, public comment rules are posted in the board room.

Dan Roop, a resident of Lincolnshire Green, addressed the board concerning increased traffic on Steger Road and the inconveniences it is causing the residents in his subdivision. There is just one entrance/exit to this subdivision off Steger Road. He asked the Village Board to consider creating a new roadway connection out of the subdivision over to Eagle Nest Drive. The Village President agreed to have staff look at the possibility of creating a connecting roadway and locations that could be used for this purpose.

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 – February 11, 2019
- Approval of Bills (2/9/19 thru 2/22/19)
- Ratification of Payroll - Bi-weekly payroll ending February 13, 2019

Trustee Wiater approved the bills of Trustee Ray Harley, Buildings and Grounds.

In accordance with 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.

A motion was made to approve the Unanimous Consent Agenda with the additions as listed above.

Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

On Roll Call:

Ayes (6) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Johnson, Milburn, Wiater and President Einhorn

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Harley

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES:

President Michael Einhorn

- Has met with Tech 3 and Trustee Milburn to develop a strategy for submission of paperwork for road improvements on Crete Road and Burville Road. The federal requirements have changed and will need to be met prior to road work beginning.
- There is a bill in the Senate that may affect our Village if it is passed. It would require the lead service lines from the street to the residences to possibly be changed.
- Provided a sample/draft of changes to the Village's water/utility billing format.
- Was invited by the school district to assist them in the development of their strategic plan.

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/absent

Finance, License and Ordinance – Trustee Mark Wiater

- Reported the TIF Joint Review Board meeting went as planned and was well attended by the other taxing districts.
- Explained that Crete Township Supervisor Michael Liccar would like to informally meet to discuss ways to increase retail traffic in downtown Crete as downtown businesses have experienced less traffic over the past two years. It was decided to convene a formal meeting with all interested parties being invited to brainstorm ways to accomplish this goal. Supervisor Liccar feels that traffic is down based upon his business interests in the area.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES continued:

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn

- Reported on the status of the re-design of the village website. A variety of issues were brought up and discussed, but due to a lack of information from the current website hosting company, Civics Plus, it is impossible to lay out a direction going into the future. There will be a meeting in the future which is yet to be set when options will be discussed.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

1. Reminder of the RFP Opening for EMA Building Facility is be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 10:00 am
2. New locks have been installed at Village Hall.
3. The first meeting of the Memorial Day Parade Committee will be on Thursday March 7th at 8:00 am at the Village Hall. Volunteers are needed.
4. An update on the digital sign that has been proposed for the corner of IL 394 and Steger Road was presented by Attorney Stevenson. The very lengthy discussion on what is allowed by the sign company and Circle K was held. Restrictions do apply. Price estimates for advertising on the sign were quoted. No further action is needed at this time on the proposal. When final language is available on the agreement, the sign company will be asked to attend a village board meeting.

Police Department – Interim Police Chief Scott Pieritz – no report

Fire Department – Fire Administrator/Chief Mike Waterman – no report

Fire Department – Fire Inspector Lynn Weir – no report

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

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. Dec '18)	2019-\$14,460.92	2018-\$15,926.87
Local Use – (Col. Feb.)	2019-\$24,682.79	2018-\$20,895.36
Sales Tax – (Col. Dec 2018)	2019-\$68,784.85	2018-\$59,801.53
Sales Tax of ½ percent – (Col. Dec 2018)	2019-\$25,595.44	2018-\$21,885.75
Income Tax – (Col. Feb.)	2019-\$82,439.73	2018-\$90,846.56
MFT Allotment – (Col. January)	2019-\$17,918.49	2018-\$18,684.06
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
Nicor Utility Tax (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
Video Gaming Report (Col. Dec. '18)	2019-\$10,707.95	2018-\$11,265.43

COMMUNICATIONS continued:

- **Reminder:** Support Special Olympics through the **Invitation** from Officer Al Taylor to attend or to participate in the 2019 Polar Plunge on **March 2, 2019** at the Manteno Sportsman Club. The plunge will take place at 2:00 p.m. Tail gating festivities begin at 9:00 am. To contribute, please go to the Fundraising site:
<https://soill.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=9753>
- February 13th Comcast Letter with Xfinity updates/changes for Spanish Speaking customers.
- February 19th Comcast letter with channel line-up changes in the community.
- Deadline to register to vote in March 5, 2019 to be able to vote in the April 2nd election.
- If you are a registered voter, you may "Vote by Mail". Visit the website: thewillcountyclerk.com, click on Vote by Mail quick link and follow the instructions.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on Class K liquor licenses. Board action may be taken.

The Village Board received comment from Attorney Stevenson on choices for amending the current village ordinance from 2016.

A motion was made to accept the wording for the proposed amended ordinance as suggested under Alternate 2 and to have the attorney draft the ordinance for the next regular board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Stephen Johnson

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

Nays (1) Trustee Milburn

Absent (1) Trustee Harley

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

In further discussion, an ordinance would merge the current two classes of video gaming liquor licenses into one license class. The wording of the new ordinance will also allow for the addition of slots at locations in the downtown that had liquor license prior to gaming legislation. The total number of authorized licenses would not change from the currently allowed number of twelve with a restriction on gaming licenses in downtown on Main Street between North and Cass Streets.

2. Trustee Wiater notified the board that Frank Diliberto had originally agreed to attend this board meeting to offer an update on the property on North Main. Due to personal conflicts, he was unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Nick Fellers, State Farm Agent, 547 W. Exchange St., asking to close from the corner of Lumber and Exchange Street to the end of his parking lot on April 27th, 2019 from 12 pm until 4 pm. The request includes barricades and an appearance of a fire truck. Board action may be taken.

A motion was made to approve the Nick Feller request for a closing of the corner of Lumber Street and Exchange Street to the end of his parking lot on April 27th, 2019 from 12 pm until 4 pm and to provide barricades by DPW for a family event and for the fire department to provide a fire truck if possible.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

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

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Harley Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

2. President Einhorn recapped the last seven years of sales tax collection which illustrated wide swings in variation. Year 2013 was the low at \$682,342.00 and the high was 2014 at \$931,172.00 and last year it was \$738,255.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none held

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Steve Beaudoin


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

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Harley Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

Passed and Approved on this 11th day of March, 2019.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President



Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk