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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING March 11, 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, March 11, 2019 at 7:02 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, Ray Harley, Stephen Johnson, Holly Milburn, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Attorney James Stevenson, Fire Administrator/Chief Waterman, Police Chief Scott Pieritz, Code Enforcement Supervisor/EMA Director Marty Braccio, Superintendent of Public Works Phil Hameister, Fire Inspector Lynn Weir, Planning Commission Chairperson Karen Tellef and Animal Control/Code Enforcement Ryan Allison.

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

CITIZENS' SPEAK continued.

- Presentation of "Life Saving Award" to Camden Matthias

Fire Administrator/Chief Waterman announced a Life Saving Award to honor Camden Matthias. Camden, son of Rob and Bethann Matthias, realized his father was in distress on the evening of January 15th. Rob had stopped breathing and had no pulse. Camden began doing chest compressions while his older brother called 9-1-1. The Crete Fire Department paramedics responded and took over caring for the patient. Rob appeared to have suffered a severe heart attack. On hand to make the award were representatives of Will County 9-1-1, the Laraway Communications Center and the dispatcher that handled the call.

- Linda Brown

Linda Brown from the Crete United Methodist Church asked the Board to approve a request to close Wood Street and the Church parking lot on June 22nd to have a Health and Safety Fair. This year's event will include a blood drive and numerous vendors/agencies concerned with promoting good health.

A motion was made to approve the request to hold a Crete Health and Safety Fair on June 22nd 2019 and to close the parking lot and a portion of Wood Street from Exchange to North Street from 8 am until 2 pm.

Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Ayes (6) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Harley, Johnson, Milburn, Wiater

Nays (0) none

Absent (0) none

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

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 25, 2019
- Approval of Bills (Feb. 26 thru March 8, 2019)
- Ratification of Payroll - Bi-weekly payroll ending February 27, 2019

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 as presented.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Stephen Johnson

On Roll Call:

Ayes (7) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Harley, Johnson, Milburn, Wiater, President Einhorn

Nays (0) none

Absent (0) none

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES:

President Michael Einhorn

- The Village and Crete Township are working on the resurfacing project plans for Burville Road.
- President Einhorn is hopeful the preliminary information on EAV (equalized assessed valuation) for 2019 will have a positive effect on the Village's tax rate.
- The Fire Department has requested a review on the Village's drug/alcohol/sexual harassment policies.
- The latest traffic counts IL 394 at Steger Road and Richton Road taken recently are approximately the same as those taken in 2015.
- Noted proposed State legislation coming up for review.

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

- Sewer lining will begin the week of March 18th.
- President Einhorn expressed his thanks for the many hours which include taking time off her from full-time job that Trustee Harmon-Warren spends with IRMA meetings, activities and studies. He spoke with an IRMA representative who stated Trustee Warren to be an asset to their board. She stated she really enjoys that role with the agency.

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 - absent

- President Einhorn reported the verification of the sales tax status has been confirmed at the corner of Route 394 and Steger Road, property formerly owned by Sauk Village but now owned by the Village of Crete.
- Attorney Stevenson reported the digital sign to be displayed at Circle K continues to be discussed by the companies involved. It has been stressed by the Village that the intent for the sign is to promote the businesses in downtown Crete.

Police Department – Interim Police Chief Scott Pieritz

- Chief Pieritz reported positive financial results from the Polar Plunge event. Officer Taylor continues to tally the money donated.
- Chief Pieritz reported Officer Walz is currently in SRO training and will start at the high school as the School Resource Officer next week.
- The three newest officers hired will be on the street next week since they have completed their training.

Fire Department – Fire Administrator/Chief Mike Waterman

- Drone flyovers have been completed for the fire preplanning program
- Annual Pancake Day is on Palm Sunday, April 14 from 7:00 am to Noon at Fire Station #1.
- The active shooter drill continues with several members of the department attending special meetings.

Fire Department – Fire Inspector Lynn Weir – no report

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Public Works participates as possible in many IRMA educational programs/opportunities.
- The training Videos available online are viewed often.
- DPW is currently busy collecting trash along roadsides in the Village.
- Salt allocation for next year will be ordered on State Bid by April 1st.
- Final stages of engineering are in process for Crete Road improvements.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued:

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.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
Local Use – (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
Sales Tax – (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
Sales Tax of ½ percent – (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
Income Tax – (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
MFT Allotment – (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col. Jan)	2019-\$28,555.19	2018-\$29,750.82
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. Jan)	2019-\$16,757.98	2018-\$21,110.59
Video Gaming Report (Col.)	2019-\$	2018-\$

- The Unified Police vs. Fire Dept. Special Olympics Basketball game has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 7 pm at Crete-Monee High School, 1515 W. Exchange Street.
- Chicago Southland announced the National Tourism Day Celebration on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 5 – 7 pm. Donations requested.
- Will County Meals on Wheels is holding the annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 6th from 6:30 – 10:00 pm at the Elks Lodge in Joliet. Support is being requested. Contact Tammy Barnes at tammybarnes90@gmail.com or register online at www.kccsi-cap.org.

Clerk Bachert was directed to contact Meals on Wheels to learn if the Village is receiving these benefits currently.

- Received a reminder from the Crete Chamber of the Candidate Forum at the Crete Library on Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- Notification from Chief Pieritz concerning “Don’t Rely on the Luck of the Irish this St. Patrick’s Day”. Drive sober and buckle up for a safe celebration. Special patrols will take place between March 14th – March 18th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Ordinance No. 2019-06:** An Ordinance amending liquor license regulation for gaming facilities and amending Chapter 4 Alcoholic Liquor in the Crete Municipal Code. Board action is anticipated.

A motion was made to read for the first time in title only Ordinance No. 2019-06, an Ordinance amending liquor license regulation for gaming facilities and amending Chapter 4 Alcoholic Liquor in the Crete Municipal Code.

Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson Second by Trustee Mark Wiater
Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Harley, Johnson, Wiater
Nays (1) Trustee Milburn Absent (0) none Abstain (0) none
Motion declared carried.

President Einhorn read aloud Ordinance 2019-06 for the first time in title only.

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Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson Second by Trustee Mark Wiater
Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Harley, Johnson, Wiater
Nays (1) Trustee Milburn Absent (0) none Abstain (0) none
Motion declared carried.

President Einhorn read aloud Ordinance 2019-06 for the second time in title only.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-06, an Ordinance amending liquor license regulation for gaming facilities and amending Chapter 4 Alcoholic Liquor in the Crete Municipal Code.

Motion by Trustee Stephen Johnson Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

ON ROLL CALL:

Ayes (5) Trustees Beaudoin, Harmon-Warren, Harley, Johnson, Wiater
Nays (1) Trustee Milburn Absent (0) none Abstain (0) none
Motion declared carried.

- 2. Discussion** and possible action on entering into a contract to build a new EMA building at 280 W Exchange Street. Board action may be taken.

Trustee Wiater reported work is progressing on analyzing the EMA building project and information from the RFP received from the various companies. A recommendation will be presented soon.

- 3. Update** from Frank Diliberto on the status of property for sale on North Main Street.

Mr. Diliberto stated property on N. Main is of minimal interest to investors/retailers at the present time. It seems the land available on IL 394 is more attractive to retailers.

