



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING March 27, 2017

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 27, 2017 at 7:01 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 Deputy Village Clerk Debra Hameister the following were present: Trustees Steve Beaudoin, Stephen Johnson, Doris Harmon-Warren, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustees Dean Gaffney and Holly Milburn were absent. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Village Attorney James Stevenson, Acting Administrator Michael Smith, Police Chief James Paoletti, Fire Chief Mike Waterman, Public Works Superintendent Phil Hameister, Code Enforcement Supervisor Marty Braccio, Animal Warden/Code Enforcement Officer Ryan Allison, Zoning Board Chairman Karen Tellef, and Police and Fire Commissioner Jim McPhee.

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.

1. A Brief ceremony was held Honoring Crete Crossing Guard Michael S. Schaal for his 12 years of service to the Village of Crete and the children of our schools. A large group of family and friends gathered to celebrate his retirement. The group included students and parents from Crete Elementary and Trinity. The children gave him a large homemade card and a banner. Chief Paoletti presented him with a plaque commemorating his service.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

STEVEN BEAUDOIN DEAN GAFFNEY DORIS HARMON-WARREN STEPHEN E. JOHNSON HOLLY MILBURN MARK WIATER

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren – Reported that there was a recent IRMA Review – the inspection went well. Need to update a few policies.

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson – No report

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin- No Report

Building and Grounds – Trustee Dean Gaffney - absent

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

Road and Bridge – Trustee Holly Milburn - Absent

President Michael Einhorn -

- Reported that we received the tax rate from Will County. The rate for the Village will go down by 4.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value and that the EAV went up by \$4,419,726.00 which raised it to \$138,172,198.00. It appears we will be collecting about the same amount of real estate taxes this year as we did last year.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith -

- Reported that he and Trustee Beaudoin met with Chicago Digital Billboards regarding placement and costs. No action was taken on this item.
- New business will be going in at 1329 Commerce Drive. Gateway Classic Cars is purchasing the building. Gateway Classic Cars is a consignment firm for special interest cars. They currently have 19 locations throughout the U.S.
- Met with Patrick Boyle of HITS he is very positive about the upcoming year. He states that this is the only climate controlled facility where the spectators can watch the competition.

Police Department – Chief of Police James Paoletti –

- Create Police will be going through annual training for the use of Narcan in the field for heroin overdose patients.
- The Department is participating in a program administered by LEAP (Law Enforcement Agency Portal) to register residents with Autism and Alzheimer's. The resident will get a bracelet that will identify them as a Medic Alert patient in the event they would get lost or have an emergency where they are outside of their normal environment. The registry will assist emergency personnel in the care of the patient by providing the type of medical conditions they have.

Fire Department – Chief Mike Waterman – Reported that Brian Wagner is the new Kurtz contract employee. He will replace an employee that recently took another job.

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- There will be a Bid Opening April 3, 2017 for the 2017 Sewer Lining Project.
- Installed the new Street Lights on Steger Road. Waiting for the rest of the shipment to arrive.

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 – James McPhee – No Report

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued.

EMA – Marty Braccio – No report
Planning Commission – Karen Tellef – No report
Heritage Commission – Phyllis Monks – Absent

COMMUNICATIONS:

Warrants:

Excise (Telecom. Tax) – (Col. January)	2017-\$20,021.25	2016-\$24,366.147
Local Use – (Col.)	2017-\$26,166.18	2016-\$22,665.35
Sales Tax – (Col.)	2017-\$73,528.99	2016-\$75,089.26
Income Tax – (Col. Jan.)	2017-\$	2016-\$
MFT Allotment – (Col. Feb)	2017-\$	2016-\$
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col. Jan/Feb)	2017-\$	2016-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col. Jan. 2017)	2017-\$	2016-\$
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. February)	2017-\$19,365.47	2016-\$15,373.57
Video Gaming Report (Col. January)	2017-\$ 6,504.59	2016-\$ 5,459.70

- **Remember to vote** on Tuesday, April 4th, 2017.
- A **bid opening** for the “2017 Sewer Lining Projects” will be held at the Municipal Building on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- Letter dated March 9, 2017 from AT&T concerning the Illinois Annual Consumer Video Services Report, a filing that complies with the annual reporting requirements in the Cable and Video Consumer Protection Law (the “Act”) (220 ILCS 5/22-501).The information relates to the number of complaints received over the prior year.
- **National Tourism Day** will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The event will take place under a large tent at the Convention and Visitors Bureau Center. Donations would be appreciated. Board action may be taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion on Directional Billboards and Directional Signage at Route 394** (possibly lighted) which has been deliberated at many prior meetings.

Discussed under Committee and Department Reports – Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith – No action Taken

2. **Ordinance No. 2017- 08:** An Ordinance authorizing the Village of Crete to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Crete-Monee School District 201-U for the granting of an easement and transfer of ownership of the former municipal Well No. 7. Board action is anticipated.

Ordinance No. 2017-08 was moved to the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS – continued

3. **Resolution No. 2017- 589:** A Resolution authorizing a purchase and 4 (four) year loan transaction for 7 (seven) police vehicles. This will allow the police department to replace high mileage vehicle.

Resolution No. 2017-589 was moved to the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution No. 2017- 588:** A Resolution relating to participation by elected officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Resolution No. 2017-588 was moved to the consent agenda.

2. **Discussion and Consideration** of allowing chickens as a permissible animal under Chapter 5, Section 5-4 of the Crete Municipal Code.

A discussion was had regarding the possibility of allowing chickens to be kept in town. Dave Most from Most Feed & Garden presented with information on the raising chickens. No action taken. Information will be gathered from other communities regarding there ordinances and the information will be reviewed at a future meeting.

3. **Discussion and Consideration** of the alley reconstruction and parking improvements for the alley west of Main Street between Exchange and Division.

Discussion included what areas to begin. The Mayor will gather information on cost and will forward to the board. No action taken.

4. **Discussion** on the possibility of posting “Board Meeting Highlights” on the Village Web Pages and /or sent out as a news flash for those residents who have signed up for that option.

After Discussion there was no objection from the board. The Village Attorney will draft a notice to be put at the top of the “Board Meeting Highlights”

5. **Ordinance No. 2017-09:** An Ordinance revising certain personnel authorizations of the fire department and amending Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Crete Municipal Code. The officer positions in the fire department are being updated and the duties of the fire chief are being clarified.

A motion was made to read for the first time in title only Ordinance No. 2017-09, An Ordinance revising certain personnel authorizations of the fire department and amending Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Crete Municipal Code.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Steve Johnson

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

Nays (0) none Absent (2) Trustees Milburn and Gaffney

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried

