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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING July 9, 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, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Clerk Faith Stine the following were present: Trustees Steve Beaudoin, Raymond Harley, Stephen Johnson, Holly Milburn, Doris Harmon-Warren, Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. A quorum was present.

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

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.

1. **Request from Christine Bennett** Mrs. Bennett is a new resident and she is asking for permission to hold a block party on Austin Avenue on July 21st, 2018 from 12:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. She is asking for Public Works to drop off barricades on Friday, July 20th, 2018 for use on July 21st. She will assemble them to close the road from Crete Boulevard to Burville Road. Mrs. Bennett has obtained all but three of the residents' signatures saying that they are okay with the road being closed for those hours on July 21st, 2018. The only reason she is missing the three signatures is because their schedules conflicted. It is not because they were against it.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

CITIZENS' SPEAK continued:

5. Mr. Michael Anthony stated that he had three issues he would like some information on. He heard that you plan to build over \$80,000,000.00 worth of school buildings. President Einhorn stated that we aren't building any school buildings. That's the School Board.

Mr. Anthony stated that he had the water analyzed last week. The iron content is very low. You are getting \$12.00 per bill quarterly to get the iron out of the water. He stated that you guys are doing a good job with that. The problem according to the analyst is that the alkaline is real high. It is discoloring the water. He has a lot of sediment in his toilet bowl. He would not state who the analyst was.

President Einhorn stated that the Analysis of the water is published every year. It is published in The Vedette.

Mr. Anthony inquired what happened to Mohammed and Mahmood. They spent a lot of money in Steger. He inquired whether or not they are going to proceed. President Einhorn stated that we don't know. They are not communicating with us. The property is up for sale.

Citizens' speak concluded at 7:12 P.M.

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 – June 25, 2018
- Approval of Bills (06/25/18 thru 07/06/18)
- Ratification of Payroll - Bi-weekly payroll ending July 4, 2018

Trustee Wiater stated that the bill for the Sidewalk Program came in late this afternoon. We want to try to get it paid. It is one bill and it is divided into three different components: Davis Concrete Construction Co. into Corporate is an amount of \$80,251.00. That will bring the Total Corporate Amount to \$107,359.92. The water portion of that is: Davis Concrete Construction Co. \$9,695.00. That brings the Total Water to \$15,791.76. The TIF Funds portion will be: Davis Concrete Construction Co. \$68,551.05. The Total TIF Funds are: \$70,808.40.

Trustee Wiater stated that he wanted to move item #1, Ordinance 2018-12, dealing with the Metropolitan Alliance Police Contract; and #2 under Old Business, Ordinance 2018-13 dealing with the small wireless facilities to the Unanimous Consent Agenda for action to be taken.

The two items below were moved to Consent Agenda from Old Business.

Ordinance No. 2018-12: An Ordinance authorizing the Execution of the Certain "Agreement between the Village of Crete, Illinois and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Crete Police Chapter 36, 2017-2020". Board action is anticipated.

Unanimous Consent Agenda continued.

Ordinance No. 2018-13: An Ordinance providing for the regulation of and application for small wireless facilities and amending Chapter 19 of the Crete Municipal Code. The State passed legislation regulating small wireless facilities installations within rights-of-ways and on property zoned for commercial or industrial use. Board action is anticipated.

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 Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Holly Milburn

On Roll Call:

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

(Aye - President Einhorn)

Nays (0) none

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES:

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

- The mosquito spraying machine has been on the street weather permitting.

Public Safety – Trustee Steven Beaudoin – No Report

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson – 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

- Trustee Milburn invited everyone to Cruise Night. The new "Craft Market" will be running in conjunction with the Monday night car show.

President Michael Einhorn

- President Einhorn is working feverishly on the Roadwork Program for this year.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- We previously talked about the EWBC. The SWAHM Insurance sub pool Staff Members had unanimously voted to join with the EWBC, or have us join their organization or their sub pool and stay under the SWAHM name. There will be Resolutions for consideration coming soon.

Police Department – Chief of Police James Paoletti – No Report

Fire Department – Fire Administrator/Chief Mike Waterman

- The Executive Director of the Laraway Communications Center passed away unexpectedly. They have to find a new Executive Director. They are not sure what direction they are going to go in.

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – No Report

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 – No Report

EMA – Marty Braccio – No Report

Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer – Ryan Allison – No Report

Deputy Police Chief Scott Pieritz – No Report

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued:

Planning Commission – Karen Tellef

- Karen Tellef inquired whether or not anyone found out anything about the Beckwith house. Acting Village Administrator Michael Smith stated that we placed a Stop Work Order until it comes under single ownership.

Mr. Anthony stated that he heard two different stories about the cooperation from the EPA on clearing up the well water in Crete. Mr. Anthony would not state who he obtained the information from. He heard that the Village was saving up money because it needed to have matching funds to get matching funds from the EPA. President Einhorn stated that is incorrect.

Mr. Anthony stated that another story that he had heard was that the Village had applied for funds with the EPA for a Grant and the Grant was turned down.

President Einhorn stated that is incorrect. The Village did not apply for any Grants. The Village applied for and received a low interest loan. The Village has not received any funds from the low interest loan yet because we have not started construction yet. The project that the Village is performing with the low interest loan is iron removal. Our iron is high. It is not low. He stated that when you flush a hydrant you can see that the iron is high. The plans for the Iron Removal Process are at the EPA right now waiting for their approval. Once the Village receives approval, assuming there are no corrections or adjustments that need to be done the Village will be going out to bid immediately.

Mr. Anthony inquired the last time the Village did a Water Analysis. President Einhorn stated that the Village publishes a Water Analysis Report once every year. We send water samples in twice a month to the EPA to get analyzed. Trustee Johnson stated that we have been working on the iron removal project for five-years. President Einhorn stated that if we had that approval from the EPA, we would probably call a Special Board Meeting to get sanctioning to get the Bid out for the work. We want to get the process going. It is a \$5,000,000.00 project. That's what that \$12.00 is paying for. We are accumulating money to be able to make the Bond Payments. The Bond Payments are \$350,000.00 a year.

Heritage & Architecture Commission – Phyllis Monks – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

Warrants:

Excise (Telecom. Tax) – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
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-\$	2017-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col. May)	2018-\$21,226.56	2017-\$18,050.49
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. May)	2018-\$ 8,576.62	2017-\$ 8,092.03
Video Gaming Report (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$

- Received a June 22, 2018 notification from Comcast regarding availability of MGM HD on the channel line-up.

OLD BUSINESS:

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3. **Further Discussion** on a request received from Joyce Woldemariam, owner of 3755 South State Street on a proposed purchase of property located south of her property, which includes approximately two acres of land. Recommendation for land to be appraised was suggested at the prior June 11th Board Meeting. Board action may be taken.

Acting Village Administrator Michael Smith stated that we were authorized to go out for the appraisal. He met with the appraiser on site. He should have a Report coming soon. President Einhorn stated so the Report is pending.

Trustee Milburn inquired whether or not Joyce Woldemariam has been in contact with us since her initial request, or have you been in contact with her. Acting Village Administrator Michael Smith stated that we met before the last Board Meeting and clarified some more information. We were authorized at the last meeting to move forward with the appraisal.

4. **Discussion** concerning the possible retention of Nick Borrell regarding videography services for the Village. This has been discussed at prior Board Meetings and is intended to better showcase the services and general activities available in the Village. Board action may be taken.

Trustee Milburn stated that she hopes that everyone has seen some of the work that Nick has posted. The website can do so much more. There is YouTube. You can access all of those videos through Facebook or other avenues like mycrete.org. Mr. Borrell stated that he hopes in the future you get out on Twitter and other social media platforms. Trustee Harmon-Warren inquired of Mr. Borrell whether or not he will be doing things with Instagram. Mr. Borrell stated that the goal is to incorporate that as well.

Trustee Milburn stated that the Board has to define what it wants on social media. She stated that Mr. Borrell is very good at what he does. She has to obtain the contract with CivicPlus that handles the Village's Website. That will be in the Book of Ordinances. Mr. Borrell would manage the news section and keep it up-to-date multiple times a week. He would add videos to it from different events. You can have posts from Facebook onto the website. He would create a Facebook Page for the Village.

President Einhorn stated that we have talked about Facebook before. If you let the public respond, then it becomes a First Amendment issue. We have to be very careful. We need to think about this. Mr. Borrell stated that we can reach out to other Villages to see how they handle it.

OLD BUSINESS continued:

Trustee Milburn stated that the website hasn't been refreshed since day one. Some information is out of date. The same pictures have been popping up since day one. We are paying for the redesign, so she is assuming the template will change with that so it does look different. President Einhorn stated that CivicPlus has a standard website design. Mr. Borrell stated that the information pertaining to the Village on the website should be cross posted on social media.

Mr. Borrell suggested having social media platforms for the Fire Department and the Police Department. He stated that Twitter is great for breaking news if there are road closures or a water main break. Trustee Johnson stated that Naperville has that and it is very cool.

Trustee Harley stated that the Fire Department and the Police Department could have a Twitter Page. It gives you updates through that.

Trustee Beaudoin suggested that we have to discuss content on these different social media sites. Then we can discuss a contract.

Trustee Harmon-Warren suggested that Trustee Milburn discuss with Mr. Borrell what he thinks should be out there, and how would he do it, and can you give us some suggestions.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that there would be a Committee of the Whole Meeting to let Mr. Borrell know what kind of content the Trustees and President Einhorn would like to see on the website and on the different social media platforms. President Einhorn stated that he wants it to be used to promote the Municipality as best as it can, and to show the public that we are out there doing a good job. Our website doesn't have a list of available properties for future industrial development and it should.

Mr. Borrell stated that you want information about the Village for the community and the citizens here. The more content that gets out about Crete on the Internet, the more it will create an interest. Then people may want to move here or start businesses here. Then you need to add the important things that the Police Department does. That helps to build a healthy and strong relationship with the community.

Chief Waterman suggested that Trustee Milburn meet with him separately and with Chief Paoletti so they can tell her what they are looking for and what he can do and what he can't. He suggested that she speak with the Department Heads individually.

President Einhorn stated that when we have new residents we hand them a "New Resident Packet." He suggested doing something more up-to-date.

Mr. Borrell believes that the three main categories for content are: News, Upcoming Events, and things that promote the Village.

Trustee Harmon-Warren would like something that trumps Facebook and its inaccuracy. Trustee Milburn will get some dates when Mr. Borrell is free and setup a Committee of the Whole Meeting where no formal action is taken.

President Einhorn stated that he will let Trustee Milburn decide if she needs to take on a partner in this and who she would want that to be. Trustee Milburn stated that we will pick a date.

