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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING July 23, 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 23, 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 Raymond Harley, Holly Milburn, Doris Harmon-Warren, and President Michael Einhorn. Trustees Steve Beaudoin, Stephen Johnson and Mark Wiater were absent. 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 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.

- Bob Kraemer spoke on behalf of the Crete Lions, requesting October 12th and 13th to solicit at the corner of Main and Exchange Streets from dawn to dusk. (Lions Club Candy Day)

A motion was made to grant permission for the Crete Lions Club to solicit on October 12th and 13th at the corner of Main and Exchange Streets from dawn until dusk, wearing safety vests.

Motion by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Second by Trustee Raymond Harley

Ayes (3) Trustees Harley, Harmon-Warren, Milburn

Nays (0) none

Absent (3) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson and Wiater

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

CITIZENS' SPEAK continued.

Bob Kraemer noted as a Real Estate Agent his concern that the Federal Flood Insurance will run out in one week. He asked for the Village and the Board members to write letters to our Federal Congressmen in support of keeping Federal Flood Insurance. If action is not taken in Washington to continue the program, 40,000 home sales per month will be affected.

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 – July 09, 2018
- Approval of Bills (07/09/18 thru 07/20/18)
- Ratification of Payroll - Bi-weekly payroll ending July 18, 2018
- **Ordinance 2018-14:** An Ordinance authorizing payment of certain eligible redevelopment project costs from TIF District No. 2 funds for Main Street downtown west alley area. (Phase 2) First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Motion by Trustee Wiater (Harmon-Warren). Second by Trustee Milburn. Motion carried.

The following two items were moved to the Consent Agenda by President Einhorn.

- Old Business Item # 1: **Ordinance 2018-15:** An ordinance establishing a system for the licensing of organizations to operate raffles in the Village of Crete and amending Chapter 12, Article II of the Crete Municipal Code was read for the first time in title only. Motion by Trustee Harley, Second by Trustee Harmon-Warren.
- New Business Item # 2, a request from C-M Band Boosters Association to hold a tag day on Saturday, September 8th, 2018 from 8 am until noon at Main and Exchange Streets.

Trustee Milburn approved the bills for Trustee Beaudoin (Public Safety), Trustee Johnson (Water Department) and Trustee Wiater (Finance, License & Ordinance).

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 Raymond Harley

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

On Roll Call:

Ayes (4) Trustees Harley, Harmon-Warren, Milburn and President Einhorn

Nays (0) none

Absent (3) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson and Wiater

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES:

President Michael Einhorn

- A “Committee of the Whole” meeting of the Village Board has been scheduled for Monday, July 30th at 7 pm. Three items of discussion will include:
 1. Meeting the new Interim School Superintendent Dr. Kara Coglianese and to discuss their proposed building program.
 2. To discuss retaining an individual as a social media manager and videographer for the Village.
 3. To discuss future TIF spending and projects for TIFs 2, 3, &4.

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

- Spraying for mosquitos continues. There have been positive West Nile findings in our area.

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

- Expressed concern for negativity in signage displayed in downtown Crete. Displayed a sample of a positive sign. Will discuss at a future board meeting when more trustees are in attendance.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith

- Informed the Board the construction of Pizza Hut is under way.
- Taco Bell and Burger King are well into the permitting process.
- The consolidation of our health insurance group with another small group is proceeding as planned.

Police Department – Chief of Police James Paoletti

- The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists commended the following Village of Crete Officers for “exceptional DUI enforcement”: Officers Patrick Hoernig, Aldon Taylor, and Michael Lucia.
- On Wednesday, 25 July 2018 the Village of Crete Police Department will take part in the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police – Speed Awareness Day with a heightened enforcement of speed related traffic violations.
- The Village of Crete Police Department has adopted the “10 Shared Principles of Law Enforcement” which the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) and the Illinois NAACP State Conference announced an affirmation of 10 Shared Principles that are designed to bridge the gap of mistrust between police and communities of color.

Police Department – Deputy Chief Scott Pieritz

- Noted the Police Department is aware of U-turn issues in the downtown area of Crete.
- The 5-0 at the Dirty-O went very well. Money raised went to Special Olympics.

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

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- The final review of the recent sewer lining videos is in progress.
- A meeting with Olthoff has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 25th to determine a start date for the downtown alley Phase 2 construction.

Village Engineer – Tech III – no report

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued:

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

- EMA Director Braccio noted a dangerous situation is developing on Cruise Nights due to the pedestrian traffic crossing Main Street especially in the area of Cass. It was suggested that the food trucks be moved to the east side of the street where the other vendors are located. In addition, better warning signs or someone directing traffic will be looked at as a way of slowing traffic and making the area safer. Deputy Chief Pieritz will contact Rick Cobb to work on a solution.

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-\$	2017-\$
Local Use – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Sales Tax – (Col. May)	2018-\$82,293.00	2017-\$59,812.04
Sales Tax of ½ percent – (Col. May)	2018-\$31,679.20	2017-\$ no history
Income Tax – (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
MFT Allotment – (Col. June)	2018-\$15,951.96	2017-\$14,559.67
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col. July)	2018-\$ 4,740.11	2017-\$ 5,339.98
ComEd Utility Tax (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Nicor Utility Tax (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Video Gaming Report (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$

1. An article written by Dennis Sullivan was published in the Daily Southtown offering historical information on the building and the 9 foot by 14 foot mural located at Main and Cass Streets. The cost of the mural was funded by the Crete Mural Committee and the Crete Chamber of Commerce.
2. **Misericordia notification** of “save the dates” for 2019 Annual Misericordia/Jelly Belly Candy tag day fundraising event. It will be April 26 & 27, 2019.
3. **Crete Chamber** is looking for donations to illuminate the new mural on the corner of Cass and Main Streets. Contact Rick Cobb at the Chamber to contribute.
4. **Lions Club** is requesting to solicit for the Annual Candy Day on October 12th and 13th. (This item was discussed under Citizens’ Speak)
5. **Trustee Milburn** noted the chatter on social media concerning breaking into a car when a person believes an animal to be endangered. Deputy Chief Pieritz stated it is against the law for a citizen to break the windows of a car to rescue an animal. Call the Police for assistance.
6. It was noted by one Trustee that the Crete Choral Music supporters collecting money last weekend at Main & Exchange did not follow established guidelines. They will be contacted to correct the problem as their second date requested is for September 22nd.

COMMUNICATIONS continued:

7. Clerk Bachert noted receiving two Public Hearing notices today, July 23, 2018. The Public Hearing will be August 7th in the Will County Office Building located at 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet beginning at 6:30 p.m. Property owner Eugene Jarvis is interested in construction of a 2MW solar power farm on vacant property located on E. Goodenow Road, Beecher.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2018-15:** An ordinance establishing a system for the licensing of organizations to operate raffles in the Village of Crete and amending Chapter 12, Article II of the Crete Municipal Code. First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption. Board action may be taken.

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda for first reading only.

2. **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.

An appraisal on the 4.2 acres has been received. This item will be discussed under Executive Session.

3. **Discussion regarding the SE corner of Illinois 394 and Steger Road** regarding possibilities of disconnection/annexation and future development. This has been discussed from time to time due to the fact the Village of Sauk Village cannot apparently provide water and sanitary sewer services at any reasonable cost. Board action may be taken.

President Einhorn informed the Board he will be meeting with the Sauk Village Mayor Derrick Burgess and Mark Kassab, the owner of the property located on the SE corner of Illinois 394 and Steger Road, regarding the possible disconnection from Sauk Village and annexation to Crete as well as future development. This has been discussed from time to time due to the fact Sauk Village cannot apparently provide water and sanitary sewer services at any reasonable cost.

4. **Further Discussion** on a proposed SRO (School Resources Officers) Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Crete and Crete-Monee School District. This was discussed previously in April 2018. Board action may be taken.

President Einhorn informed the Board he delivered the Village's Memorandum of Understanding agreement to provide a SRO (School Resources Officers) at the high school to the new Interim Superintendent and Finance Director. This document needs to be handled immediately so the hiring process can continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible board action on raises for the non-union employees.

This item will be discussed in Executive Session at a future board meeting due to the number of trustees absent at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS continued:

- 2. Kara Scott, Crete-Monee Band Booster President, is requesting to hold another tag day this fall on Saturday, September 8th from 8 am until noon at Main and Exchange Streets. Alternate date would be September 15th. The funds are used to supplement the instrumental music program, grades 5-12, in the Crete-Monee School District. The Band Boosters provide things like field trips, scholarships, meals, uniforms, equipment, etc. Board action is anticipated.

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda for approval. Permission was given for September 8th.

A motion was made to close the regular session of the board meeting and to move to executive session at 7:44 pm for the purpose of setting of a price for real property owned by the Village.

Motion by Trustee Holly Milburn

Second by Trustee Raymond Harley

On Roll Call:

Ayes (4) Trustees Harley, Harmon-Warren, Milburn and President Einhorn

Nays (0) none

Absent (3) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson and Wiater

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 1. Setting of compensation for specific individuals
- 2. Deliberation of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- 3. The setting of a price for real property owned by the Village.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.

Motion by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

Second by Trustee Raymond Harley

Ayes (3) Trustees Harley, Harmon-Warren, Milburn

Nays (0) none

Absent (3) Trustees Beaudoin, Johnson and Wiater

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

Passed and Approved on this 13th day of August, 2018.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President

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Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk