



VILLAGE of CRETE

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING August 27, 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, August 27, 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 Holly Milburn, Doris Harmon-Warren, Stephen Johnson and Mark Wiater and President Michael Einhorn. Trustees Steve Beaudoin and Ray Harley were absent. A quorum was present.

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

Keith Miller and Justin Wiater to Engineer
Lynn Weir to Assistant Chief in charge of Fire Prevention Bureau.

Fire Chief Waterman introduced the members for promotion as listed above. Clerk Bachert administered the Fireman's Pledge to them. Congratulations to these members of the fire department for their dedication to serve the Village of Crete and surrounding communities.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

CITIZENS' SPEAK continued:

Trustee Steve Beaudoin arrived at 7:08 pm.

2. Presentation by Crete-Monee School District Superintendent Dr. Kara Coglianese and Assistant Superintendent of Business Ken Surma concerning the proposed building program.

Interim School Superintendent Dr. Kara Coglianese and Assistant Superintendent Ken Surma made a presentation to the Village Board and the audience concerning the new plan to restructure the school system. The restructuring will include a new approach to teaching as well as a new set of goals for the District. "Future Ready" is the new vision for making a unified district for students to become prepared for their future. The intent is to, over time, close all the current older elementary buildings and build a new Pre K to 2nd grade building at the location of the old high school, which is scheduled to be torn down by the end of November. Proposed additions are also planned to be made to the existing Monee Elementary School Building which will become a grade 3 to 5 center. 10 class rooms will be added to the Middle School which will house grades 6 to 8. The total cost of the plan will be around \$84M which will be borrowed in four amounts over time and paid off over a 20 year period without the need to increase the tax rate. Two upcoming meetings will be held for discussion on these plans with Dr. Coglianese. The dates are Thursday, September 6, 2018 at Crete-Monee High School from 5:30 – 7:00 pm and Monday, September 10, 2018 at Coretta Scott King Magnet School from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

3. Dean Gaffney expressed his concerns for quality of life within the Village due to the number of gambling establishments located in the downtown Crete area. It was explained to him that limitations are in place.

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 – August 13, 2018
- Approval of Bills (08/14/18 thru 08/27/18)
- Ratification of Payroll - Bi-weekly payroll ending August 15, 2018
- **Ordinance 2018-17:** An Ordinance establishing the Prevailing Rate of Wages in this Locality for Laborers, Mechanics and other Workers engaged in Construction of Public Works as of August 15, 2018. This is an annual ordinance and is required to be passed and approved in accordance with state statute. First Reading, Second Reading and adoption. Motion by Trustee Johnson. Second by Trustee Wiater. Motion carried.

Trustee Wiater approved the bills for Trustee Harley of Buildings and Grounds.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS continued:

Fire Department – Fire Administrator/Chief Mike Waterman

- St. James Hospital has extended their closing date to September 6th.
- Congratulations on a job well done to Capt. James Boehner and Nicole Ragain, paramedic, for their assistance to the Crete Police Department on August 14th.
- October 12, 2018 will be Fire Prevention Day observance from 6 pm – 9 pm.

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. June)	2018-\$16,369.44	2017-\$18,239.72
Local Use – (Col. August)	2018-\$18,594.28	2017-\$16,005.60
Sales Tax – (Col. June)	2018-\$92,062.45	2017-\$59,812.04
Sales Tax of ½ percent – (Col. June)	2018-\$39,305.36	2017-\$ no history
Income Tax – (Col. August)	2018-\$51,936.73	2017-\$36,191.97
MFT Allotment – (Col. July)	2018-\$18,722.60	2017-\$19,090.68
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col. April)	2018-\$22,627.96	2017-\$23,275.53
Nicor Utility Tax (Col. July)	2018-\$ 4,624.79	2017-\$ 4,565.28
Video Gaming Report (Col. June)	2018-\$10,959.23	2017-\$ 8,760.43

1. On August 10, 2018 the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District sent a letter concerning the West Nile Virus Alert. Mosquito pools have been testing positive at a high rate throughout Cook County. "Please remove standing water around your property."
2. The Crete Lions Club is hosting a Golf Outing Fundraiser on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course beginning at 12:00 (noon). Asking for donations or hole sponsorship.
3. Second Notice of Zoning Case ZC-18-042 for the request of a special use permit to construct a 2MW solar farm facility. The request was made to Will County Land Use Department by the Beverly J. Wassmann Trust c/o Sara Schrementi. Address of the proposed location is 631 S. Cottage Grove Avenue (at E. Munz Road), Crete, IL. Scheduled hearing date is September 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Will County Office Building, 302 North Chicago Street, 2nd floor board room, Joliet, IL 60432. Contact phone number is (815) 774-7896.
4. Second Notice of Zoning Case ZC-18-043 for the request of a special use permit to construct a 2MW solar energy development (solar farm) on 29.5 acres of vacant property located at E. Goodenow Road, Beecher, IL. The request was made to Will County Land Use Department by Caryn L. Verduin. Scheduled hearing date is September 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Will County Office Building, 302 North Chicago Street, 2nd floor board room, Joliet, IL 60432. Contact phone number is (815) 774-7905.

COMMUNICATIONS continued:

5. August 17, 2018 letter from Comcast noticing the changes in the Comcast Channel Line-up in the Crete area.
6. Sealed bids will be received by the Village until 10 am on Thursday, September 6, 2018 for the "2018 Street Maintenance Curb Replacement". Bid Opening will be at the Village Hall, 524 W. Exchange Street on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 10 am.
7. The April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election Petition Packets will be ready for pick-up at the Village Hall, 524 W. Exchange Street on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. The filing period will run from December 10, 2018 through December 17, 2018 until 5 pm. Three positions for Village Trustee will be on the 2019 ballot. Packets may be picked up Monday through Friday from 9 am until 5 pm. Questions concerning the election filing should be directed the Will County Clerk's Office.
8. **Crete - Garage Sale Days** sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce are scheduled for Friday & Saturday, October 12th & 13th, 2018 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Applications are available at Old Plank Trail Community Bank, Crete Library, Crete Village Hall and www.CreteChamber.com. Registration Deadline is October 9, 2018 @ 5 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2018-_____** : An Ordinance authorizing the Village of Crete to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Crete-Monee Community Unit School District 201-U for the placement of School Resource Officers in school buildings. The agreement has been discussed at previous board meetings over the past year. Board action is anticipated.

This matter was delayed once again as it was missing some financial information that has yet to be agreed upon. This agreement will probably not actually take effect until sometime in February 2019 and will be placed on the agenda when ready.

2. **EMA building project.** The EMA building project has been discussed at many prior meetings. The design drawings and engineering drawings have been completed. The next step is to proceed to preparation of a construction contract and selection of a general contractor. The Board is being requested for direction. The final contract version will be presented to the Board for approval by way of resolution for passage. Board action may be taken.

The Board verbally instructed the Village Attorney to complete the owner-constructor written agreement needed to proceed with the construction of the new EMA building that will be located at 280 W Exchange.

3. Route 394 Update

Administrator Mike Smith stated the sign people continue to work with the business owners of the proposed site for the installation of an electronic sign on Rte. 394.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request from Trinity Lutheran Church** to close Elizabeth Street between Cass and Division on Sunday, September 9th for the annual church picnic. Hours requested for closure are from 7 am until 6 pm. Board action is anticipated.

A motion was made to approve the request from Trinity Lutheran Church to close Elizabeth Street between Cass and Division on Sunday, September 9th for the annual church picnic with the hours requested for closure are from 7 am until 6 pm. This has been an annual request.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Stephen Johnson

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

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Harley

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

Clerk Bachert will notify Trinity Church of this approval.

2. **Discussion on temporary signs/banners** within the Village as it relates to current regulations set forth by Municipal Code. Concerns have been voiced by Crete merchants. Board action may be taken.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the posting of temporary advertising banners by business owners and the process used to grant permission for such banners which is set forth in the Municipal Code Book, it was decided Staff will review content of the ordinance to decide if changes could be warranted. No action was taken. Merchants asking about their lotto signs were instructed to file an application for the period of time they would like to display their banners.

3. **Request from P.A.K.T** (Police and Kids Together) to hold a fundraiser on Saturday, September 15 or Saturday October 13, 2018. This is a 501c3 organization providing free martial arts classes for children from Crete, Steger, Beecher, South Chicago Heights, Grant Park and several other towns. Board action may be taken.

No one from the P.A.K.T organization was in attendance at the board meeting to answer questions concerning this event such as where they wish to solicit and who will be making those solicitations. Clerk Bachert will try to reach them again for more information on their request.

A motion was made to close the regular session of the board meeting and to move to executive session at 8:48 pm for Discussion regarding the discipline of a specific employee.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

On Roll Call:

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

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Harley

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Discussion regarding the discipline of a specific employee.

The board returned from Executive Session at 9:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Stephen Johnson

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

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee and Harley Abstain (0) none Motion declared carried.

Passed and Approved on this 10th day of September, 2018.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President

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Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk