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MINUTES VILLAGE OF CRETE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING October 22, 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, October 22, 2018 at 7:04 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, Stephen Johnson, Mark Wiater and Holly Milburn and President Michael Einhorn. Trustee Ray Harley was absent. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance: Village Attorney James Stevenson, Administrator Michael Smith, Supt. Of Public Works Phil Hameister, Police Chief James Paoletti, Deputy Police Chief Scott Pieritz, Fire Administrator/Chief Mike Waterman, Code Enforcement Supervisor/EMA Director Marty Braccio, Animal Control/Code Enforcement Ryan Allison and ZBA/PC Chair 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 Len Rhein for Crete Bulldogs was moved from New Business for action.

Jason Fleming, a Crete Bulldogs Coach standing in for Len Rhein, requested to speak concerning the Crete Bulldogs Association request for permission to participate in a "Fill the Helmet" day fund raiser at the corner of Main and Exchange Streets on November 17, 2018. This Bulldogs fundraiser has taken place several times in past years. The Bulldog Varsity team will compete in a National tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. Funds collected will help defray travel costs of the team members.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

CITIZENS' SPEAK continued:

A motion was made to approve the request of the Crete Bulldogs to participate in a "Fill the Helmet" day fund raiser at the corner of Main and Exchange Streets on November 17, 2018 with the restrictions to include all participants in the intersection to be 18 years or older wearing safety vests and to include no cell phone use while standing in the intersection.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

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

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

1- Appointment of Scott Pieritz as Interim Police Chief was moved from New Business for action.

A motion was made to appoint Scott Pieritz as interim Police Chief effective beginning October 31, 2018.

Motion by Trustee Mark Wiater

Second by Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

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

Nays (0) none Absent (1) Trustee Harley 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 – October 8, 2018
- Approval of Bills (10/05/18 thru 10/19/18)
- Ratification of Payroll - Bi-weekly payroll ending 10/10/2018

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

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 Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Stephen Johnson

On Roll Call:

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

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

REPORTS: PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES:

President Michael Einhorn – no report

Public Health – Trustee Doris Harmon-Warren

- Attended the IRMF conference and their board meeting
- Attended a special IMRF class on how to handle unusual situations.

Water Department – Trustee Stephen Johnson

- Hydrant flushing will end this week.

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

- Asked Public Works to check into the jugs sitting at the curb on Technology Lane.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Acting Village Administrator – Michael Smith – no report

Police Department – Chief of Police James Paoletti – no report

- “Enjoy your retirement” wishes were expressed by the board.

Police Department – Deputy Chief Scott Pieritz

- Thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as Interim Chief of Police
- The October 13th Community Clean-up event was successful as 65 people participated. Thanks to Trinity Lutheran for hosting the luncheon and for the partnership that has been formed.
- The STEP grant (Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program) was received for \$31,000 for seatbelt and speed enforcement details. It runs from October 2018 to September 2019. The STEP grants allow the Village to pay police department officers overtime to work details focusing on seatbelt and speed enforcement efforts. The grant reimburses the Village 100% for officers pay during these details. There are 8 (eight) “campaigns” during the grant period which include dates during Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Super Bowl, ST Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

Fire Department – Fire Administrator/Chief Mike Waterman

- Open House had approximately 450 attendees.
- Received a \$3000.00 grant for flow testing software for fire protection and planning.
- The Department will be submitting several FEMA grant applications for a new fire engine and breathing apparatus.
- Attended the Chiefs’ Conference in Peoria with Dep. Chief Lynn Weir.

Fire Department – Fire Inspector Lynn Weir – no report

Superintendent of Public Works – Phil Hameister – Report submitted

- Branch chipping will end soon.
- Leaf collection will start by November.

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. August)	2018-\$15,551.61	2017-\$17,527.73
Local Use – (Col. October)	2018-\$19,317.76	2017-\$16,207.37
Sales Tax – (Col. August)	2018-\$80,677.75	2017-\$62,968.44
Sales Tax of ½ percent – (Col.)	2018-\$30,257.00	2017-\$21,536.17
Income Tax – (Col. October)	2018-\$78,788.73	2017-\$64,996.95
MFT Allotment – (Col. October.)	2018-\$15,081.22	2017-\$15,939.06
Pers. Prop. Rep. Tax–(Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
ComEd Utility Tax (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Nicor Utility Tax (Col.)	2018-\$	2017-\$
Video Gaming Report (Col. August)	2018-\$11,927.45	2017-\$ 9,154.37

- A letter was received from Zachary Fleming, President of the Board of Directors of the “Disability Resource Center” located in Joliet, IL. The center serves people with disabilities in Will and Grundy counties by informing them of their rights, educating them about their responsibilities, providing support services, promoting advocacy and raising community awareness about disability issues. Disability Resource Center, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, 501c(3) organization.
- A letter from Comcast (October 5, 2018) sent changes of clarification to a September 18, 2018 notification of channel line-up changes.
- A thank you note was received at the Fire Department from Sally and Jim Egan for their prompt response to the 911 call at their home on October 3rd.
- Early voting for Crete Township Residents will be October 29, 30 & 31 and November 1 & 2 at Crete Town Hall, 1367 Wood Street. Hours: 9 am until noon and 1 pm until 3 pm.
- An invitation was received to attend a Public Meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Crete Township Office, 1367 Wood Street. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss three items: The purpose and need for improvement, To present the proposed improvement plans and To obtain public input. The IDOT proposal for changes at Illinois Route 394 and Burville Road consists of intersection improvements through the introduction of a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT). The RCUT is an innovative and proven solution that will improve safety and operations by changing how Burville Road traffic crosses or turns left at IL Route 394.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion on temporary signs/banners** within the Village as it relates to current regulations set forth by Municipal Code. Board action may be taken.

Trustee Wiater noted in his opinion there is no need to change the current sign ordinance. Other board members agreed with this decision. President Einhorn noted special request cases will be handled as they are received. No other board action will be taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS continued:

2. **Discussion** on possible adoption of a license fee to be assessed to the companies owning the gambling machines within the Village of Crete. This is not a fee to be charged to the Crete business establishment but to the companies that own and maintain the gambling machines. Board action may be taken.

President Einhorn stated the Village has learned that assessing a fee to the companies who own the gambling machines would be shared by the business owners. It is not the desire of the Village to charge additional fees to business owners. At this time there will be no action taken.

3. **Discussion** on authorizing the Fire and Police Commission to proceed in the selection process of police officer candidates, one or more replacement and one or more new for SRO positions at Crete-Monee High School. Board action may be taken.

Attorney Stevenson reported the agreement is almost complete. Chief Paoletti urged the Board to give direction to the Fire and Police Commission to work on the new hires as it is nearing the time at which officers will be able to attend the academy in January 2019.

A motion was made to direct the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to proceed in their hiring steps up to making a conditional offer of employment pending on further notification from the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

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

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Harley

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Scott Pieritz as Interim Police Chief. Board action is anticipated.

The appointment of Scott Pieritz was made under Citizens' Speak.

2. Authorization to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for infrastructure improvements and building improvements. Board action may be taken.

President Einhorn explained the need to use General Obligation Bonds (GOB) in 2019 as the Village prepares for infrastructure improvements and building improvements. There are notices to be made and preparations to be completed to use GOB.

A motion was made to proceed with the steps to allow issuing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for infrastructure improvements and building improvements with annual payments of approximately \$95,000.00 and with an issue date prior to March 2019.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

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

Nays (0) none

Absent (1) Trustee Harley

Abstain (0) none

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS continued:

3. Request from Len Rhein, Crete Bulldogs, to participate in a "Fill the Helmet" day fund raiser at the corner of Main and Exchange Streets on November 17, 2018. This Bulldogs fundraiser has taken place in past years. The Bulldog Varsity team will compete in a National tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. Board action is anticipated.

This item was moved to the consent agenda.

4. **Discussion** on establishing an ordinance and a boundary line agreement between the Village of Crete and the Village of Sauk Village concerning the property located east of IL394. Crete would agree to not annex north of Steger Road into Cook County and Sauk Village would agree not to annex south of Steger Road into Will County. Board action is anticipated.

A motion was made to direct the attorney to draft the ordinance supporting a boundary line agreement between the Village of Crete and the Village of Sauk Village concerning the property located east of IL394 and to include the agreement for the Village of Crete not to annex north of Steger Road into Cook County and Sauk Village would agree not to annex south of Steger Road into Will County.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Stephen Johnson

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

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

5. **Discussion** on the future of Crete Elementary School and school district changes and its impact on the Village. Board action may be taken.

The Village Board chose not to make comment or take action on the school district's intentions as the plan is not fully developed. It was noted the board members are encouraged to make their personal opinions known to school board members and school district management. Many comments within the community seem to be influenced by emotions as has been posted on social media.

6. **Discussion** regarding the next regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting for November 12, 2018 which is Veterans' Day. Board action may be taken.

No action was taken. The board meeting for November 12th will be held as scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none held

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the board, a motion was made to declare the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Steve Beaudoin

Second by Trustee Mark Wiater

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

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

Passed and Approved on this 12th day of November, 2018.

Michael S. Einhorn
Village President



Deborah S. Bachert
Village Clerk