

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Committee/Business Meeting
September 27, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Clerk Cheryl Aldis. Shown as present were Mayor Seyller and Trustees Sandra Barzso, Chuck Lanning, Randy Reiter, Mike Siewierski and Brad Stone. Trustee Doug Corson was absent. Quorum was present. Also present was Administrator Walter Magdziarz.

Agenda

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Reiter seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended to include the word 'District' at the end of item a of VII Pending Business. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Public Wishing to Speak

There were no persons wishing to speak.

Appointment of Dennis Medema as Chief of Police

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Reiter seconded a motion to accept Mayor Seyller's recommendation to appoint Dennis Medema as Chief of Police effective October 1, 2010.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Reiter, Siewierski, Stone, and Barzso

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Lanning and Corson

4-yea; 0-nay; 2-absent; motion carried.

Trustee Lanning arrived 7:06 p.m.

Presentation to Chief of Police Russell Stokes

Mayor Seyller thanked Chief Stokes for his years of dedicated service to the Town of Cortland and his devotion to the police department. He read and presented a plaque to the Chief as follows:

The Town of Cortland and the Cortland Police Department are very proud of and grateful for the outstanding work you have provided as Chief of Police. Your commitment to public service and safety is second to none. Our community is safer as a result of your hard work and passion for excellence. The Cortland Police Department's distinguished reputation and professionalism is a testament to your exemplary service and leadership. Your dedication and devotion to your staff and your profession have contributed immeasurably to the quality of life in the Town. In recognition and appreciation of your 12 years of service with the Town of Cortland and as evidence of our affection, esteem and our sincere thanks, you are hereby presented with the Key to the Town of Cortland.

Consent Agenda

Clerk Aldis read the consent agenda into the record. Trustee Reiter moved and Trustee Barzso seconded a motion to move the approval of the Town Board minutes of August 23 and September 13, 2010 to item b of VII Pending business and approve and accept the following:

Approve Treasurer's Report for August 2010

Approve Expenditure Report for August 2010

Accept Festival & Parade Committee Minutes of August 17 and 31, 2010.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Siewierski, Stone, Barzso, Lanning, and Reiter

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Corson

5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

Pending Business

Approve an Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of the Robinson Farm Business Development District

Mr. Magdziarz stated that this is the first of several steps required to establish a business development district. Section 2 of the proposed ordinance identifies what the state statutes allow the Town to do. This list specifically excludes the use of eminent domain as the Town has no intention of using that right. A public hearing notice has been published two times as required by law. This ordinance is specifically for a proposal to establish a business development district, and adoption of a business development district plan for Lot 26 of Robinson Farm PUD-Phase II. The public hearing will be held October 11, 2010.

Trustee Reiter moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to waive the first reading. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Trustee Reiter moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to Approve an Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of the Robinson Farm Business Development District.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Stone, Barzso, Lanning, Reiter, and Siewierski

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Corson

5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

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Approve Town Board Minutes of August 23 and September 13, 2010

Trustee Barzso moved and Trustee Reiter seconded a motion to table approval of the minutes until October 11, 2010. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Liaison Reports

Administration – Mike Siewierski – nothing to report

Finance – Sandra Barzso – nothing to report

Operations & Maintenance – Chuck Lanning – nothing to report

Festival/Parade – Brad Stone reported that he will be coming with a request for partial funding of the festival and parade. The committee does not yet have a dollar number but will have one soon. It was noted that the department heads of the Town need information from the committee so that they can get their plans in place.

Ordinance – Doug Corson – was not present

Police – Randy Reiter – no report

Sewer/Water/Utilities – Brad Stone reported that there is an issue with a valve at well #4. It is being investigated. The irrigation is almost finished for the season and pumping to the drainage ditch will continue as long as the permit will allow.

Planning Commission – Chairman Brad Lawson Next Meeting: October 4, 2010 – cancelled

President's Report

Mayor Seyller reminded those that have not completed their audit survey to please do so. He reported that he had attended the IML Conference this past weekend. He stated it is a great resource and a good asset. Education is provided to keep municipalities up to date with ever changing laws and regulations. Sessions attended by town officials were treasurers, clerk's, administration, mayoral, grants, foreclosures, green stormwater utility and associated fees. Mayor Seyller reported that a stormwater utility would allow a fee to be charged to each parcel. Monies collected would be for the creation, maintenance and/or expansion of stormwater systems. This is an avenue that could be researched as a method to help the Town with its expenses in that regard.

Concerns / Comments

Trustee Siewierski asked about road projects. It was explained that the information on the Town's projects are listed on the website. The properties in the affected areas also received a notice describing the process. The work that was done on Somonauk Road was done by the County Highway Department and is not a Town project. The work to be done at Chestnut Grove has been delayed. A new contractor will be coming in and a schedule has not yet been produced. In the Original Town the contractor is planning to be back on October 7.

Trustee Stone had a concern for Mr. Magdziarz, he stated that the property having a pool with no fence has increased to two; the neighbor to the north now has the same issue.

Trustee Barzso asked about District 428 former school building updates. It was reported that a meeting was held approximately two weeks ago. The list of wishes from the Town was delivered. District 428 is not opposed to the work being done; however, they do not wish to provide the necessary resources. A rental incentive was offered. Mr. Magdziarz stated the Town needs to get a handle on costs of improvements before it can move forward.

Adjournment

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion for adjournment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk