

**TOWN OF CORTLAND**

Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Rd.  
Cortland IL. 60112

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Business Meeting  
7:00 P.M.  
November 13, 2007

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Mayor Seyller called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken by Rita Nielsen, Deputy Clerk, showed as present Mayor Seyller, Trustees Brad Stone, Mike Siewierski, Shawn McAllister, Chuck Lanning and Ben Suppeland. Shown as absent was Trustee Milroy. A quorum was present. Also present were Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Engineer Noah Carmichael, Attorneys Parker Johnson & Rob Bush and Superintendent Water/Wastewater Joel Summerhill

Mayor Seyller announced that Trustee Milroy was available to attend the meeting by telephone. He informed the Trustees that Trustee Milroy did not meet the 24 hour requirement for notifying the Clerk's Office that he would be available to attend by remote and that in order for Trustee Milroy to attend a motion to waive the procedures requirements would have to be made. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to waive the remote attendance procedures requirements and allow Trustee Milroy to attend via telephone.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Suppeland, McAllister and Lanning, Siewierski and Stone

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Milroy

Motion carried

**Trustee Milroy joined meeting at 7:05 via telephone.**

**Agenda**

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Under New Business (a) Correction to show 2007 Levy (c) An Ordinance Amending Section 9-9-2 of the Cortland Zoning Ordinance to Provide for Expiration of Special Uses as this requires a Public Hearing from Planning Commission. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Presentation of DeKalb Community School District #428**

Mr. Russ Fletcher, School District liaison presented copies from the report from the Facility Planning Committee whose purpose was to establish a comprehensive 10 year plan. Mr. Fletcher explained that this is a Master Plan that had input from citizens, parents, staff and government officials. The Master Plan was completed in March, 2007 creating school templates and guidelines, addresses current capacity shortfalls, addresses future growth through 2017 and was data driven with demographers and city planners utilized. The results of the Comprehensive 10 Year Plan were for a phased Implementation at a cost of \$235M.

Mr. Mike Verbic, President of School Board, addressed the Town Board explaining how the focus groups were community driven and they found that 69% of the focus group was in favor of building a new high school at a different site than the current high school. His explanation was that parents are not in favor of mixing high school and middle school aged students on the same campus. The plan would be for the current high school to become a middle school.

Mr. Verbic was asking for the Town to join with the City of DeKalb and Malta in supporting this campaign by showing equal contributions through development impact fees.

Trustee Lanning said that he would only be in favor of this plan if the elementary school would be built in Cortland. Mr. Verbic stated that that is the plan. Trustee Lanning asked for assurances. Ms. Andrea Gorla of the DeKalb School District said that it would only be site specific during the campaign, and would not appear on the referendum as site specific. Mr. Verbic said that Cortland is the only Town that has land set aside for an elementary school and the School Board has not taken action to purchase land, so it would be built on land that is available.

During discussion it was noted that Malta has not signed an Intergovernmental Agreement and Trustee Milroy pointed out that Cortland has not heard back from the School District regarding a Hold Harmless Agreement. Clerk Aldis stated that campaigning on the premise that all three communities are on board with equal agreements is only fluff as this agreement would only be for future development annexation agreements and nothing additional from existing development. Mr. Andy Small, Vice President of the DeKalb School Board, took exception to Mrs. Aldis's statement saying that it is not fluff and it is important to promoting the plan that all three communities are showing equal contribution.

Ms. Andrea Gorla, with the DeKalb School District said that she would talk with their attorneys and see if they can have something back from their attorneys by November 21 for the Town Board's next agenda.

#### **Adjourn to Committee Work Sessions**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn to committee work sessions at 7:51 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

#### **The following committees met:**

Budget & Finance

#### **Reconvene to Regular Session**

Trustee Suppland moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to reconvene at 8:08 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

#### **Pending Business**

Mayor Seyller announced that there will be a joint meeting between Town Board and Planning Commission on November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **An Ordinance Amending Section 2-1-1 of the Cortland Town Code Concerning the Planning Commission Members**

First Reading of this Ordinance was on October 8, 2007.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Section 2-1-1 of the Cortland Town Code Concerning the Planning Commission Members.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Suppeland, Milroy, McAllister, Lanning, Siewierski and Stone

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

**ORD. NO. 2007-34**

### **New Business**

#### **2007 Tax Levy**

Trustee Siewierski read the proposed FY07 Tax Levy into the record showing the Town of Cortland Levy \$487,500. The proposed FY07 Tax Levy for the Cortland Community Library \$225,000. The total for the Town and Library combined is \$712,500. A Public Hearing date for the 2007 Tax Levy has been set for December 10, 2007.

#### **Request Board Approval for Purchase of Equipment for McPhillips Park**

Trustee McAllister presented a bid from Recreation Concepts for playground equipment for 2-5 year olds called Tunnel of Fun. This equipment would be purchased from McPhillips Park funds under a grant promotion where you buy one get one free. The free piece of equipment would be stored for future installment in another Cortland Park. [Clerks note: Trustee McAllister had minutes from the Park Advisory meeting where the purchase was approved.]

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve \$16,018.24 from the McPhillips Park funds to purchase this piece of equipment.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Milroy, Lanning, McAllister, Suppeland, Siewierski and Stone

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

#### **Approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Class H Liquor License for Cortland Mobil**

Trustee Milroy read the Ordinance. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to accept the first reading of Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Class H Liquor License for Cortland Mobil. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Class H Liquor License for Cortland Mobil.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees McAllister, Milroy, Suppeland, Lanning, Siewierski and Stone

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

**ORD. NO. 2007-35**

#### **Approve FY08 Budget Amendment**

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Suppeland seconded a motion to table until December 10, 2007. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Approve Town Board Meeting Dates for 2008**

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the Town Board meeting dates for 2008 with potential date change for May 26<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**President's Report**

Mayor Seyller announced that a representative from IML will be at the November 26 meeting to present an award to the Town for the IML Innovative Showcase Award received by the Town at the annual meeting. He announced that the Town Board meeting will be held at the Lions Club Shelter at Cortland Community Park.

The DeLaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award will be presented at the November meeting.

Mayor Seyller has received many calls from residents of NeuCort Lakes concerned about the announcement of Neumann Homes bankruptcy. He wanted to assure everyone that the attorneys are looking into this and the Town will do whatever it can to keep the residents informed.

**Adjournment to Closed Session**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn to Closed Session under the Exception from the Open Meetings Act (5 ILC 120/2(c) (11)) to discuss Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation at 8:32 p.m. with a five minute recess.

Roll call vote:

- Ayes: Trustees Suppeland, Stone, Milroy, Siewierski, McAllister and Lanning
  - Nays: None
  - Absent: None
- Motion carried

**Reconvene to Regular Session**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Milroy seconded a motion to reconvene at 9:36 p.m.

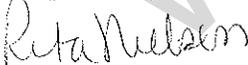
Roll call vote:

- Ayes: Trustees Milroy, Stone, Siewierski, McAllister, Suppeland, and Lanning
  - Nays: None
  - Absent: None
- Motion carried

**Adjournment**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk