

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Committee/Business Meeting  
**November 9, 2009**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen called the roll. Shown as present were Mayor Seyller and Trustees Sandra Barzso, Brad Stone, Randy Reiter, Doug Corson and Chuck Lanning. Trustee Mike Siewierski was absent. Quorum was present. Also present were Mrs. Barb Dettmer, I.C.C.I., Engineer Noah Carmichael and Acting Permit Clerk Fran Lenczewski, Clerk Cheryl Aldis and Treasurer Susan Dockus.

**Agenda**

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Mayor Seyller Presents DeLaine Mullis Award to Mrs. Mary Aldis** for improving and enhancing the community through her many years of service to the Town of Cortland. Her efforts have enriched the quality of life of Cortland's residents. She has touched countless lives through her dedication to public service. Mrs. Aldis was the Cortland Postmaster for 25 years. Mrs. Aldis has served and participated in many organizations, including the Cortland Methodist Church, Cortland Community Library, Cortland Cloverettes 4H Club, the 50+ Club, Cortland Firemen's Association, Cortland Lions Club and Cortland White Sox Girls Softball. The Town of Cortland is grateful for her contributions to the community.

**Committee of the Whole**  
**2009 Tax Levy**

Mrs. Dockus presented a proposed 2009 Tax Levy. She explained that a public hearing will not be necessary as the Town is not increasing its levy by more than 5%. The same is true for the library. Mrs. Dockus explained the levy process and presented the figures that the Town could expect. Town of Cortland estimate is \$553,500 and Library estimate is \$260,000

**Sidewalk Connection**

Trustee Stone is still working with William Lorence, DeKalb County Engineer. He is waiting for Mr. Lorence to send him a copy of an existing Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Nature's Crossing Update**

Mr. Carmichael reported that paving work at Nature's Crossing has been completed and he is waiting for a Pay Request from Curran which will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**General Insurance**

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Attest: Ula, Jr

Mayor Seyller and Mrs. Dockus reported that the Town is looking at a 42% increase for 2010 property, workman's comp. and liability insurance. He and Mrs. Dockus met with another insurance company and their rates were well over \$30,000 more than we will pay with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management.

### **I.C.C.I. Codes**

A discussion regarding amending Title 8 of the Town Code (Building Regulations), Chapter 1 (Building Codes) took place. Mrs. Dettmer was present for this discussion. Discussion revolved around whether or not permits and inspections might not be needed on replacement windows, roofs, and snap together sheds. Mrs. Dettmer said that inflatable pools are not permanent and do not need inspection as they are designed to be put up and taken down. When asked about fees Mrs. Dettmer said that the Town's fee structure has not been changed for 5 years. She did agree that if inspection requirements were reduced to fewer visits, consideration of a lesser fee could be discussed. Also, there could be a fee structure based on how many windows someone is replacing. Trustee Corson said he felt that there were too many loopholes in the ordinance and would like to bring it back to Committee of the Whole for more discussion.

### **Approval of Corporate Resolution – American National Bank**

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Barzso seconded a motion to Grant Authorization for the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer to sign a Corporate Authorization Resolution for American National Bank of DeKalb County and to rescind Resolution 1996-03 dated May 13, 1996, and 1998-04 dated December 12, 1998. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **Approve Revisions to Treasurer/Budget Officer Job Description**

With the upcoming retirement of Mrs. Dockus she and Mayor Seyller have been working on rewriting the Treasurer/Budget Officer job description. Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Barzso seconded a motion to approve revised job description as presented. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **President's Report**

Mayor Seyller reported that he and Mr. Carmichael will be meeting with Montalbano Homes and Royal Canadian Bank and a party interested in purchasing their subdivision. He is working on the problem with getting the area cleaned up where Montalbano took out their sales trailer. The engineers are working on a punch list and also questioning the need for a left turn lane into the subdivision. The lift station is completed and we are getting ready to hook-up SCADA to permanent back-up generator. He is waiting for a 30 day comment period that the IEPA allows before issuing a NPDES Permit. It is probably going to be a temporary 18 month permit for discharge.

### **Concerns**

Sandra Barzso asked about another warning siren that the Town is going to install. Mayor Seyller said this will continue to be discussed in the future.

Trustee Stone asked about the samples that are coming back from the Well #4. Mayor Seyller said he is talking with Layne Western about this.

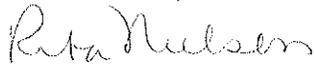
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Trustee Reiter said there will be future talks between the Police Department and the Festival and Parade committee regarding parade activities. Police funding will also need to be discussed in the future.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Barzso seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Submitted by,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk

Approved: November 23, 2009  
Attest: Clay TC