

TOWN OF CORTLAND

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Committee of the Whole

7:00 P.M.

November 10, 2008

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 Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis. Shown as present were Mayor Seyller, Trustees Shawn McAllister, Brad Stone, Ben Suppeland, Chuck Lanning, Mike Siewierski, and Dan Milroy. Quorum was present. Other officials present: Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Parker Johnson, Water/Waste Water Superintendent Joel Summerhill, and Town Engineer representative Brenda Metzger.

Agenda

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended to include discussion of Ordinances for SSA's 9 and 10. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Committee of the Whole

Review Proposed Changes to Water Ordinance

Mr. Milroy began the discussion stating this is part one of a two part process. As the town moves towards monthly utility billing it will also need to include updates to the Sewer Ordinance. This proposal makes the move toward monthly billing and enhances a couple of sections requested by the Superintendent. Mr. Milroy and Mr. Summerhill reviewed the proposal by sections. Enhancements include the definition of "location of a buffalo box (B-Box) and opening of hydrants by unauthorized personnel. Mr. Summerhill stated he anticipates no changes to the Cross-Control section. Attorney Johnson stated that he had some editorial comments that he would like considered for the final draft. Consensus of the Board was to review the attorney comments, correct scrivener errors and include specific dates into Section 7-3B-5-3 prior to bringing the proposal to the December 8, 2008 committee meeting. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Discuss Meeting Dates for 2009

A list of meeting dates was presented for consideration for the calendar year 2009. With the change being made to May 18 from May 26 a consensus was received to place the change and list on the consent agenda for November 24.

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Brenda Metzger, Representing Fehr-Graham was available for questions regarding the proposed ordinance. Clerk Aldis stated that this ordinance, which incorporates the newest NFIP maps, must be incorporated by years' end. Paraphrasing an IL Department of Natural Resources July 2008 letter "The new State Model Floodplain Ordinance is likely similar to your current floodplain ordinance. Therefore, it is recommended that you simply rescind your current ordinance and adopt the new state model. If you fail to update the ordinance prior to January 02, 2009, your community will be

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Attest: R.J.

suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Suspension from the NFIP will result in the inability to obtain flood insurance, some types of disaster assistance, as well as state and federal grants and loans.” The model ordinance is what is before you for discussion. Ms. Metzger stated that her understanding is that is proposal only affects parts of the Anest property when it is developed. The model ordinance was modified to fit the Town of Cortland. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Suppeland seconded a recommendation to forward this proposal to the full board for action under Pending Business. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Payment #3 Gateway Tank/Payment #35 SSA

There were no comments regarding the request. Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to include this item on the consent agenda for November 24. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Payment Estimate No. 1 2008 MFT (Road Oil, Inc.) Seal Coating

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a recommendation to move this request of \$15,974.59 to the consent agenda for November 24. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

WRT Financing

Mayor Seyller reported that this project continues to be reviewed for options. He described some of the negotiations looking for the best rates of financing.

2008 Tax Levy

Treasurer Dockus reviewed the proposed 2008 tax levy with those present. The proposed amount to be requested for Corporate Town purposes is \$546,500 and the proposed amount to be requested for Cortland Community Library purposes is \$250,000. The total combined levy is proposed to be \$796,500. The expected amount to be levied for Corporate purposes is \$532,066 and Library purposes is \$245,000. The actual extension will be applied by the County Clerk’s office by the maximum rate allowed by law. Because the Town’s expected rate is 12.1% and the Library’s expected rate is 11.1% a public hearing is required by law. Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to set the public hearing date for December 8, 2008. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

SSA Abatement Ordinances #4, 7 & 8 (Sheaffer System Project); #1 NeuCort Lakes; and #9 & 10 (Richland Trails)

Treasurer Dockus reported:

Special Tax Roll amount in SSA #4 – 2008 maximum special tax \$953,740.93, 2008 special taxes levied is \$953,740.92, and 2008 special taxes to be abated is zero;

Special Tax Roll amount in SSA#7 – 2008 maximum special tax \$394,907.98, 2008 special taxes levied \$394,907.98, and 2008 special taxes abated is zero;

Special Tax Roll amount in SSA #8 – 2008 maximum special tax \$305,494.94, 2008 special taxes levied \$305,494.94, and 2008 special taxes abated is zero;

Special Tax Roll amount in SSA # 1 - 2008 maximum special tax \$430,921.85, 2008 special tax abated \$100,921.85, special tax to be collected in 2009 is \$330,000.00;

Special Tax Roll amount in SSA #9 – 2008 maximum special tax \$377,245.00, 2008 special tax abated \$377,245.00, and 2008 special taxes levied is zero;

Special Tax Roll amount in SSA #10 – 2008 maximum special tax levied is zero.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Suppeland seconded a motion to move the SSA ordinances for SSA No's 4, 7, 8, 1, 9 and 10 to unfinished business at the November 24 meeting. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Safe Routes to School Resolution

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion that the Board support approval of same at the November 24 meeting. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

President's Report

Mayor Seyller reported that the Northern IL Mayors' Association meeting will be held in Sycamore on Thursday, November 20. Anyone wishing to attend should contact him by Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

Concerns

Trustee Siewierski thanked all voters for participating in the November 4 election.

Adjournment

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Suppeland seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk