

TOWN OF CORTLAND

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Business Meeting

7:00 P.M.
June 25, 2007

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 Rita Nielsen, Deputy Clerk, showed as present Trustees Ben Suppeland, Mike Siewierski, Shawn McAllister Shown as absent were Trustees Chuck Lanning, Dan Milroy and Brad Stone. Quorum was present.

With a quorum being present, and all prerequisites being met, Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to allow for remote attendance by Trustee Milroy at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski and McAllister

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Milroy, Lanning and Stone

Yeas: 3; Nays: 0; Absent: 3; motion carried

Agenda

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended to remove payroll direct deposit. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda was read by Deputy Clerk Nielsen

Town Board minutes; May 14, May 21, June 11 and June 18

Police Committee minutes; June 11

Administration & Personnel minutes; June 11

Public Utilities; May 14

Treasurer's Report as of April 30

List of Bills paid for April and May

Accept Festival & Parade Committee minutes; April 12 and May 10

Accept Library Board minutes; April 18

Approval of Parade Date – Sunday, October 14, 2007

Administration and Personnel Committee Recommendation: Approve Amendment to Permit Clerk/Coordinator Job Description

Police Committee Recommendation: Change the 25 mph speed limit sign on Loves Rd. (North Bound) from mandatory to advisory

Trustee McAllister moved to approve Consent Agenda as amended to remove Police Committee Recommendation to Pending Business for discussion.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski, Milroy and McAllister

Nays: None
Absent: Trustees Lanning and Stone
Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 2; motion carried

Citizens Wishing to Speak

Mayor Seyller asked if there was anyone wishing to speak. Ms. Del Sanchez, a resident of Cortland, spoke regarding the Jay Staley Public Hearings she has been attending. Ms. Sanchez stated that she is a new resident of one year and that she moved here with her family from Southern California. Ms. Sanchez stated that she believes that zoning is an encroachment. Ms. Sanchez read the definition of the encroachment and said it should not be supported by the Board. Ms. Sanchez referred to the "Cortland Plan-it!" circulated in December of 2004. Ms. Sanchez stated that she believes citizens have a right to privacy and safety and that this proposed zoning is not sound. Ms. Sanchez read a letter from the Mayor (Suppeland) at the time that this was written stating that the board would not support growth that does not contribute to the quality of life in this community. Ms. Sanchez stated that the revenue the town would receive only be 1% sales tax. Mrs. Sanchez talked about and read the definition of comprehensive plan. She stated that she visited the town of Wasco which has similar commercial properties and there has been a vacancy for a year. Ms. Sanchez read from the "Findings of Fact" that was presented at the public hearing for Mr. Staley. Ms. Sanchez talked about the environmental impact of rezoning, and allowing for commercial property, stating that it destroys the enjoyment of the use of the existing properties, and destroys its value.

Recognition of Eagle Scout Cody Owen

Mayor Seyller presented Cody Owen with a letter, and award of recognition for his accomplishment of reaching Eagle Scout.

Public Hearing

Mayor Seyller called the public hearing to order at 7:23 p.m.

During the hearing, Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the public hearing notice, published in the *Daily Chronicle* on June 9, 2007, into the record.

Mr. Magdziarz presented Annexation Agreement Amendment No. 3 for RBR Properties. This amendment changes the annexation agreement allowing for signs on RBR properties.

Mr. Andy Fitz from Montalbano Homes was present to answer any questions.

Mayor Seyller asked if anyone had any questions. There being none he closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Staff Reports

Attorney's Report

Attorney Johnson was present. He and other Ancel, Glink attorneys have been involved in the following: SSAs 9 & 10, the disconnection of airport property, zoning and PUD issues, a FOIA request, liquor ordinance, discovery issues and pending litigation.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Simmons reported that the sewer treatment plant cells 1 & 2 are 99% finished. He is hopeful that the EPA will allow the town to start operation while the other cells are in the construction phase.

Trustee Suppeland asked about the rough road leading up to the sewer treatment plant. Mr. Simmons said that this will be taken care of shortly.

Trustee Milroy asked about the progress of meeting with property owners, adjacent to, and north of Cortland Center Road, regarding temporary easements, and asked if any utilities will have to be moved. Mr. Simmons said he still had to meet with some of the property owners, and no utilities will have to be moved. Trustee Milroy stated that his neighbors were objecting to having a public sidewalk along their property.

Trustee Milroy asked about the Development Standards. Mr. Simmons said he would probably have it ready for the next business meeting of the town board. He had some changes to make on the street construction and street lights.

Mr. Simmons reported that the Barber Greene Sewer Improvements are finished.

Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Kocher was on vacation.

Water Sewer

Mr. Zimmer was on vacation.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Magdziarz presented his report.

Building Report

No one was present from I.C.C.I. Reports were not available.

Police Report

Police Chief Stokes was not present. Report was not available.

Committee Reports

Administration & Personnel

Next meeting: July 9 to review policy revisions.

Budget & Finance

Next meeting: no meeting scheduled

Economic Development

Next meeting: July 9

Equipment, Town Buildings and Property

Next meeting: July 9 to discuss public works building.

Ordinance

Next meeting: no meeting scheduled

Planning Commission

Next meeting: August 6

Police Committee

Next meeting: if needed August 13

Pubic Utilities

Next meeting: no meeting scheduled

Park Advisory

Next meeting: July 17

Trustee McAllister presented a Proposal of Professional Services from Fehr-Graham for the Park System Concept Plans. Trustee Milroy suggested that the proposal be brought to the full board for discussion. The consensus of members present was to send it to the full board.

Airport Advisory

No report as Trustee Lanning was absent.

New Business

An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates to be Paid to Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers Performing Construction of Public Works in the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, Illinois

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Suppeland seconded a motion to waive the first reading.

Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates to be Paid to Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers Performing Construction of Public Works in the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, Illinois

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees McAllister, Siewierski, Milroy and Suppeland

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Lanning & Stone

Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 2; motion carried

ORD. NO. 2007-23

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2007-15 Providing for Liquor Control Regulations

Trustee McAllister read the ordinance.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2007-15 Providing for Liquor Control Regulations

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Milroy, Siewierski, Suppeland and McAllister

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Stone and Lanning

Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 2; motion carried

ORD. NO. 2007-24

Employee Health Insurance

Mrs. Dockus presented an insurance quote for group health insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which she had compared with the current state plan that the town has a contract with. Mrs. Dockus explained the current coverage and the coverage employees would have with the BC/BS plan which saves the town approximately \$1,000.00 per month. Mrs. Dockus explained that while the current plan includes dental and vision the BC/BS plan does not. There is an option to purchase dental and vision insurance which Mrs. Dockus explained. This plan will cover all full-time employees and elected officials working over 36 hours per week. The plan will allow for coverage for employees who work over 30 hours per week, however, this option would have to go to committee before the change could be made.

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the town change from its current State of Illinois provider for employee health insurance to Blue Cross/Blue Shield with the coverage to include dental and vision.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustee Siewierski, Suppeland, Milroy and McAllister

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Stone and Lanning

Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 2; motion carried

Pending Business

Recommendation from Police Committee meeting of June 11th to change the 25 mph speed limit sign on Loves Rd. from mandatory to advisory.

After discussion regarding the pros and cons of changing the sign, Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the change.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees McAllister, Siewierski, Milroy and Suppeland

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Lanning & Stone

Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 2; motion carried

An Ordinance Approving Amendment No. 3 of An Annexation Agreement the Town of Cortland and RBR Properties

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Suppeland seconded a motion to waive the first reading.

Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Approving Amendment No. 3 of An Annexation Agreement the Town of Cortland and RBR Properties.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski, Milroy and McAllister

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Lanning and Stone

Yeas: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 2; motion carried

ORD. NO. 2007-25

Appointment of Paulette Lindgren to the Planning Commission for a 4-Year Term

Mayor Seyller introduced Mrs. Paulette Lindgren, and recommended her for a seat on the Planning Commission for a 4-year term. Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve Mrs. Lindgren. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

President's Report

Mayor Seyller said that he was going to attend an open house for the Kishwaukee Hospital Clinic located on the campus of the newly constructed Kishwaukee Hospital.

Mayor Seyller explained that there has been a misunderstanding regarding with the Cortland United Methodist Church regarding the carillon. The church has been charged reimbursement fees for a requested Special Use Permit; however, they believe they have been billed for the Town's creating an ordinance allowing for them to have a carillon. Given that information they would like the Town to waive the fees that were charged. Mayor Seyller said that the church would be submitting something in writing.

Concerns

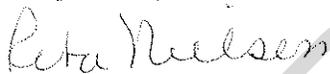
Trustee McAllister said he would not be able to attend the July 9th board meeting. He was concerned that the Jay Staley issue would be on the agenda. Mayor Seyller told Trustee McAllister the issue will not be on the agenda until the July 23 business meeting.

Trustee Milroy (speaking of the telephonic attendance) said that he was able to hear everything very well and they process worked well.

Adjournment

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk