

TOWN OF CORTLAND

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Business Meeting

7:00 P.M.

February 25, 2008

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen.

Shown as present were Mayor Seyller, Trustees Ben Suppeland, Mike Siewierski, Shawn McAllister, Brad Stone and Chuck Lanning. Shown as absent were Shawn McAllister and Dan Milroy. Quorum was present. Other officials present: Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Parker Johnson, Chief Russ Stokes, Operation and Maintenance Director John Kocher, Superintendent Water/Wastewater Joel Summerhill, Engineer Noah Carmichael.

Agenda

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

DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan - Presentation by Molly O'Toole

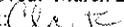
Ms. O'Toole presented the plan explaining that DeKalb County is subject to natural and manmade hazards. This Plan was prepared by the DeKalb County Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee, created by a resolution of the DeKalb County Board on September 20, 2006. The committee members included representatives of County offices, interested municipalities, educational institutions, and public and private stakeholder organizations.

The DeKalb County All Hazards Mitigation Plan identifies activities that can be undertaken by both public and private sectors to reduce safety hazards, health hazards, and property damage caused by natural and manmade hazards. This Plan focuses on the six major natural hazards facing DeKalb County: Severe winter storms, severe summer storms, extreme cold events, extreme heat events, tornadoes and floods. And four manmade hazards: Radiology release incidents, utility interruption, transportation related incidents and hazard material incidents (HazMat).

This Plan meets the requirement for federal mitigation funds, according to Section 104 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 200 (42 USC 5165) and 44 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 20 for funding under the Federal Emergency Management Grant Agency's (FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program of Stafford Act (42 USC 5'65 and 44 CFR Part 78.5 of FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.

At the end of the presentation Mrs. Aldis asked Ms. O'Toole about inclusion or removal of pieces and parts and the process for approval if we did that. Ms. O'Toole said action elements can be added or removed as the town desires without further approval necessary. The plan is required to be readdressed every 5 years and the County is charged with keeping the annual review alive. There is a 6 month time line for approval, so June 2008 is the deadline. If a disaster is declared for the town during that time we would be able to apply for funds because FEMA knows we are included in this process. The resolution needs to be adapted by Cortland and in the approval process the Board will appoint someone to the committee for representation.

Approved: March 24, 2008

Attest: 

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda

- a. Town Board minutes January 28, 2008
- b. Park Committee minutes October 17, 2007
- c. List of Bills Paid for Town for January 2008
- d. Treasurer's Budget Report for the Town January 2008
- e. Treasurer's Budget Report for the Library January 2008

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda amending it to remove a & b from new business and a & b from unfinished business.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski, Stone, Lanning

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milroy and McAllister

Yeas: 4: Nays: 0: Absent: 2

Motion carried

Staff Reports

Attorney's Report

Mr. Johnson presented his report. He and other Ancel, Glink attorneys continue to be involved in the following activities: Robinson Farm irrigation requirements, security for lot improvements in Chestnut Grove subdivision, prepared a taxpayer bill of rights ordinance, renegotiating the Town's contract with DeKalb Sanitary District, ordinances regulating adult uses in the community, conferring with bankruptcy attorneys related to Neumann Homes Bankruptcy and continue to advise on routine questions from staff, and respond to inquiries as necessary.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Carmichael presented his report.

Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Kocher presented his report.

Water and Sewer

Mr. Summerhill presented his monthly Water & Sewer Department report. Mr. Summerhill presented a monthly pumpage report as well. Mr. Summerhill reported that the IEPA radium tests for wells one and two were acceptable and the nitrate results were also acceptable. The Town received an honorable mention for fluoride level for 11 out of 12 months.

Mayor Seyller stated that he is looking into possibilities of billing for utilities either monthly or bi-monthly in the hopes that it will be easier for residents to budget for sewer and water. Mr. Summerhill agreed that this is worth looking into and hopes to bring it before Public Utilities Committee for discussion.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Magdziarz was excused from meeting.

Building Report

No one was present from I.C.C.I.

Police Report

Chief Stokes presented his report January.

Committee Reports

Administration & Personnel

Next meeting: March 10

Budget & Finance

Next meeting: March 10 for budget information

Economic Development

Next meeting:

Equipment, Town Buildings and Property

Next meeting: March 10 for Town Garage discussion

Ordinance

Next meeting:

Planning Commission

Next meeting: March 3

Police Committee

Next meeting:

Public Utilities

Next meeting: March 10 to discuss fixed based meters and billing cycles.

Park Advisory

Next meeting: March 18

Airport Advisory Report-Liaison Trustee Lanning

Trustee Lanning stated that they have been very busy plowing the airport. Also, there is a Russian Mig 21 in storage.

Festival & Parade Committee Report-Trustee Stone reported that the Committee will be holding a final meeting soon.

New Business

Mr. Carmichael introduced Mr. Nicholas Winkleman with Lanyne-Western. Mr. Winkleman presented upgraded pump size options for Well #4. A larger pump is necessary due to the depth of the pump setting and the water levels of the well. Mr. Winkleman's presentation showed the differences between a Byron Jackson pump and a Hitachi pump.

Trustee Suppeland motioned and Trustee Lanning seconded to recommend [not an action] upgrading the size and using the Byron Jackson pump.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Lanning and Mayor Seyller

Nays: Trustees Stone and Siewierski

Absent: Trustees Milroy and McAllister

An Ordinance in Connection With Rights And Responsibilities Related to Locally Imposed and Administered Taxes of the Town

Approved: March 24, 2008

Attest: Cla, TC

Presented by Attorney Johnson.

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

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance in Connection With Rights And Responsibilities Related to Locally Imposed and Administered Taxes Of the Town

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Lanning, Stone and Siewierski

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milroy and McAllister Motion Carried **ORD. NO. 2008-08**

Reconsider an Ordinance Amending Title 9 of the Cortland Town Code (Zoning Ordinance Chapter 10, Special Uses) (Request by Trustee Stone)

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to Reconsider an Ordinance Amending Title 9 of the Cortland Town Code (Zoning Ordinance Chapter 10, Special Uses) (Request by Trustee Stone)

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Lanning, Stone and Siewierski

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milroy and McAllister Motion Carried

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to table Ordinance Amending Title 9 of the Cortland Town Code (Zoning Ordinance Chapter 10, Special Uses). Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

An Ordinance Amending the Town Code of Ordinances Concerning Developer Reimbursements

Attorney Johnson presented this ordinance stating that there is already a statutory procedure for recapture and if the state law is followed it will work for the Town. Attorney Johnson believes this is necessary as the Town Code does not fit all situations.

Trustee Siewierski moved to waive the first reading of An Ordinance Amending the Town Code of Ordinances Concerning Developer Reimbursements. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Amending the Town Code of Ordinances Concerning Developer Reimbursements

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Lanning, Stone and Siewierski

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milroy and McAllister Motion Carried **ORD. NO. 2008-09**

President's Report

Mayor Seyller expressed his thanks and appreciation to Cortland Police and Fire Departments and all other emergency responders for actions taken during the Northern Illinois University tragedy when five students were killed in a shooting.

Mayor Seyller presented information on a seminar to be held in Elgin on March 4 on the Value of Design and Effects on Life in Communities.

Concerns

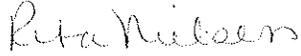
Trustee Lanning thanked the Water and Operation and Maintenance Departments for the good job they have been doing removing snow.

Trustee Suppeland asked for a report on what the costs have been to the Town for the law suit involving Eagle Homes.

Adjourn

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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