

TOWN OF CORTLAND

Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Rd.
Cortland IL. 601120

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Business Meeting

7:00 P.M.

February 23, 2009

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

Agenda

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk, Rita Nielsen read the Consent Agenda
Approved Town Board minutes January 26 and February 9
Cortland Community Library minutes for January 21
Cortland Community Library Budget January
Expenditures Paid for Town for January
Treasurer's Budget Report for January
Approve FY09 Budget Amendment (Recommendation from 2-9-09)
Place Liens Against Non-Developer Reimbursables for Mowing
(Recommendation from 2-9-09)
Write-off Uncollectible Utility Bills From List (Recommendation from 2-9-09)
Approve Comp Time Policy (Recommendation from 2-9-09)

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Seyller asked that the motion be amended to remove the Comp Time Policy Recommendation as Mrs. Dockus wanted to go over attorney recommended changes before approval.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to amend the Consent Agenda by removing the Comp Time Policy Recommendation and place it under Unfinished Business. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

Public Hearing

To Consider Adopting a Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Boundary Between Cortland and DeKalb

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Public Notice into the record. Public Notice was published in the Daily Chronicle on January 18, 2009.

Mayor Seyller opened the meeting at 7:08. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to continue this public hearing until March 23. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Staff Reports

Attorney's Report

Attorney Johnson reported that he has been working on the following issues: He, the mayor and Town staff met with Montalbano Homes regarding outstanding obligations. Mr. Johnson drafted a letter to their lender regarding what type of financing was needed to take care of pressing problems in Chestnut Grove. He has received official notice of dispute from Sheaffer regarding the remaining items on the construction contract. Attorney Johnson was asked if a final decision is made during mediation. Attorney Johnson said it was only a recommendation to the courts, not a final decision. Young v. Holmes has filed a notice of appeal in their case. So both developer lawsuits are now on appeal. The Town is a nominal defendant in these cases and the bondholders' attorney is carrying most of the burden defending these cases. Eagle Homes v. Cortland case continues to move along, with a number of depositions scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

Engineer's Report

Cortland Treatment Plant: Mr. Carmichael reported that Sheaffer has installed the Bermad valves that arrived last month. The satisfaction of the valves will not be verified until irrigation resumes this spring. The aeration system continues to operate in a satisfactory manner. The blowers at the plant continue to be problematic and leak a tremendous amount of oil. The manufacturer continues to investigate the cause of the problem. The key remaining items on the punchlist include irrigation rig controllers and Anest Farm drainage. The IEPA is currently reviewing the permit application to allow the plant to direct discharge.

Well #4: Due to the poor weather Gateway Tank has not materially advanced in the construction of the elevated tank. Full construction is expected to resume in mid to late February with construction of the top concrete cap and then move onto the bolted tank. Due to union issues it is uncertain as to when Layne-Western will be able to remobilize and complete the installation of the column pipe and electrical power cable.

Radium Removal System: Fehr-Graham is working with WRT in preparing the installation plans and specifications for the radium removal system at well#4. The plans and specifications are anticipated to be completed by the end of February with bids collected in about three weeks.

Stormwater Permit: Fehr-Gram has continued the monitoring of erosion control measures throughout the Town.

Trustee McAllister asked Mr. Carmichael about overlays for 3 parks. Mr. Carmichael will look into this.

Water Wastewater Report

Mr. Summerhill read his monthly report.

Trustee Milroy reported that he has been working with the water department to determine the best way to convert to monthly billing. Software upgrades have been ordered and a demo should be ready in March with training to follow.

Operation and Maintenance Report

Mr. Kocher was not present for meeting. Report was not in the packet.

Zoning Administrator

Report was in packet for board review.

Building Report

I.C.C.I. report was in packet for board review

Police Report

Chief Stokes gave an overview of the 2008 Annual Report as well as the monthly report. When asked about any concerns the Chief has he stated that domestic violence calls have increased. He is considering the use of tazer guns in the future. Chief Stokes remarked that Illinois Risk Management does offer insurance discounts when officers carry tazer guns.

Liaison Reports

Finance: Trustee Suppeland will be meeting with Mrs. Dockus and Mayor Seyller to discuss possible financing of the WRT System.

Festival and Parade: Trustee Stone said the committee is looking at October 11, 2009 for the Festival & Parade date. He will confirm this at another meeting.

Ordinance: Trustee Milroy is working on the Sewer and Water monthly billing ordinance and will hope to have it ready for the committee meeting on the March 16.

Planning Commission: Next meeting is scheduled for March 2.

Airport Advisory: There is a meeting tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. with a developer to discuss the building of a new hanger.

Trustee Milroy left at 7:50 p.m.

New Business

Approve Walt Lease Agreement (Police Department)

Mrs. Dockus presented Lease Agreement stating that there has been an increase of 5.5 %.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Suppeland seconded a motion to approve Lease Agreement.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Milroy

Unfinished Business

Com Ed Electrical Facilities Service Agreement and Associated Payment

Engineer Noah Carmichael presented this agreement to supply electricity at Well #4.

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve the Service Agreement and payment of \$72,000 to come from appropriate SSA Funds.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Milroy

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FY10 Budget Requests

This budget had preliminary requests from Operation and Maintenance and Water/Wastewater. Superintendent Summerhill was directed to look at salaries of comparable positions for an additional person he will need when the Town takes over operation of the sewer treatment plant.

Amendment to Comp-time Policy

This policy change was discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting and a recommendation was made from committee that it be placed on consent agenda for approval. It was moved from the Consent Agenda to unfinished business to make committee aware of a revisions made by Attorney.

This policy change reads as follows: Compensatory time (i.e., time off equal to one and one half times the number of hours of overtime worked) may be elected by the employee in place of overtime pay, with the approval of the Department Head or Supervisor, up to a maximum of 40 hours during the annual period from December 1 until the following November 30. Use of banked compensatory time by the employee is subject to approval by the Department Head and cannot be taken if additional personnel must cover the employee's time off. Unused compensatory time remaining on November 30 (or at the termination of employment) will be paid at the employee's regular straight time rate of pay during December.

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve Comp-time Policy amendment.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Milroy

President's Report

Mayor Seyller reported that there is a DeKalb County Economic Development Annual Dinner and State of the County meeting on March 31. If anyone would like to attend please let him know.

Concerns

Trustee Siewierski said he would like to see sidewalk repairs addressed. Trustee McAllister would like to get together with Mr. Carmichael regarding the "park overlays". Trustee Lanning would like everyone to attend a Meet the Candidates Night that is being planned by the Cortland Community

Church. He stated he believes that Mayor Seyller is doing a good job and that this board has acted very conservatively and responsibly. Trustee Lanning also said that the current Mayor Seyller, as well as past Mayor's Suppeland and Hetchler, have worked hard to bring business into the community. Trustee Suppeland said that the town needs to work with DeKalb County Economic Development to bring business to Cortland and may need to consider reducing permit fees as well as off-setting taxes to generate interest in bringing businesses to Cortland.

Mayor Seyller asked for comments from the audience. There were none.

Adjournment

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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