

**TOWN OF CORTLAND**

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Committee/Business Meeting  
7:00 P.M.  
April 14, 2008

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

Mayor Seyller called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Rita Nielsen, Deputy Clerk, showed as present Mayor Seyller, Trustees Mike Siewierski, Shawn McAllister, Dan Milroy and Ben Suppeland, Brad Stone and Chuck Lanning. A quorum was present. Also present were Engineer Noah Carmichael, Attorney Parker Johnson, Zoning Administrator Walter Magdziarz, Director of Operations and Maintenance John Kocher and Superintendent Water/Wastewater Joel Summerhill.

**Agenda**

Mayor Seyller had two changes to the agenda. The Public Hearing to Amend the Annexation Agreement (Montalbano) is postponed to April 28, 2008 and he would like to add a presentation by Lev Tech, LLC after the FY09 Public Hearing. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Seyller called the Public Hearing for the Proposed FY09 Budget at 7:03 p.m. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Seyller closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**Presentation of Lev-Tek Companies, LLC**

Mr. Bob Vedder, President and Mr. Lou Castronovo, Executive Vice President presented an overview of their company with the purpose of explaining ways in which the Town can improve the utility consumption efficiency of our buildings, and to explore alternative energy generation options for the community. There was discussion regarding Plasma Gasification Waste Disposal. Mr. Castronovo said that it would cost the town \$25,000 for a study to determine if a Plasma Gasification Plant could be built in Cortland. Mr. Castronovo said that if a study is done and a plant could not be built in Cortland, they would keep 10% of the \$25,000 or \$2,500.

**Committee of the Whole**

**Discussion of Proposed Town Code Changes for Retaining Walls**

Mr. Magdziarz explained that there is an increase in the desire for retaining walls in Nature's Crossing. A number of unauthorized retaining walls have been constructed. This was a result of certain house models being deeper in length than anticipated on the subdivision grading plan. Thus, lots were originally graded to provide a shallow slope from the rear wall of the house to the rear property line, as required by Town Code. When homeowners purchased models that have a building footprint deeper than anticipated on the grading plan, the rear yard ends up with a steep slope making them unmanageable for common ordinary household purposes.

Approved: 4-28-08  
Attest: Clay, TC



### **FY09 Budget Discussions**

Mr. Kocher and Mr. Summerhill were present to discuss the purchase of the sewer system camera. They asked the board to reconsider its decision to not purchase the camera at this time. Trustee Suppeland stated that he thought the purchase of the camera should come from Capital Improvement Fund. With exception of Trustee Milroy, the consensus of the board was to purchase the camera using Capital Improvement Funds.

There had been some discussion as to whether or not the Lift Station demolition could wait until next year, saving approximately \$120,000. After discussion the Lift Station demolition will stay in the budget.

### **Trustee Suppeland left the meeting at 9:07 p.m.**

Mr. Kocher asked that the board reconsider putting the plow truck back into the budget. The total purchase price of the truck will be \$130,000. Mr. Kocher is expecting approximately \$25,000 from the sale of the 1999 International. The total to the FY09 budget, if it was financed, would be \$9,000. He explained that this past winter the Town paid \$12,000 to contract for snow removal for NeuCort Lakes. Mr. Kocher stated that if the Town does not purchase the plow they will have to use contractors for snow removal again next year. Mr. Kocher and Mr. Summerhill left after this portion of discussion.

Trustees discussed the necessity of purchasing the snow plow this year. Mrs. Dockus explained that the decision on how to finance the snow plow did not need to be made at this time, only the decision to purchase it.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to leave the FY09 proposed budget from the Capital Improvement Fund forward as it was originally presented [snow plow and camera will not be purchased].

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Siewierski, McAllister, Lanning and Stone

Nays: Trustee Milroy

Absent: Trustee Suppeland

### **President's Report**

Mrs. Aldis told everyone that there has been new information put on the website regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. The Department of Agriculture is using purple sticky traps on ash trees and could be setting traps in this area as soon as the next two weeks.

Mayor Seyller informed the board that liquor license renewals are taking place and he asked if any board member had any comments to make regarding the licenses being renewed. There were no comments by any trustee. He said that there could be some amendments to the liquor ordinance now that we are actually going through a renewal process.

### **Adjournment to Closed Session**

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn to Closed Session under the Exception from the Open Meetings Act (5 ILC 120/2(c) (11)) to discuss Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation and to Discuss Purchase or Lease of Property for the Use of Public Body

(Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) to include Mayor Seyller, all Trustees, Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Johnson, Zoning Administrator Magdziarz, Engineer Carmichael, Clerk Aldis and Deputy Clerk Nielsen

Roll call vote:

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

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:45

Mayor Seyller called for a recess.

**Reconvene to Regular Session**

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to reconvene to regular session

Roll call vote:

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

Meeting Reconvened at 10:23 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk