

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Committee/Business Meeting
November 8, 2010

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 Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Mayor Seyller and Trustees Brad Stone, Sandra Barzso, Mike Siewierski, Chuck Lanning and Randy Reiter. Shown as absent was Doug Corson. Quorum was present. Other officials present: Administrator Walter Magdziarz and Finance Director Mike Lamz.

Agenda

Trustee Reiter moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended to remove Maple Park Boundary Agreement Update and add Equipment Purchase. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Public Wishing to Speak

There was no one who wished to speak.

Committee of the Whole

Town Administrator' Monthly Report

Mr. Magdziarz has sent letters to Montalbano Homes (Chestnut Grove) informing them that they are not in compliance with a punch-list of 15 items with specific deadline dates for developer improvements. They have made all sorts of assurances and promises, but are not meeting the deadline dates. They have been informed the Town will declare them in default if deadlines are not met.

No news on the US Cellular Lease, the Town has provided everything they requested and are waiting to hear from them.

Robinson Farm road paving is complete. The next step will be another bond reduction request.

Mr. Magdziarz attended a DSATS meeting. A traffic consultant firm sent out surveys to over the summer to determine needs of the community. Mr. Magdziarz said the response of the survey was an astounding 32% level of interest and confirmed need for shuttle service to train service in Elburn. The consultants, in a separate survey, found a definite need for a bus route from Cortland to the Rte. 23 Corridor. Mr. Magdziarz explained that the DeKalb metropolitan area population exceeded 50,000; therefore the DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study (DSATS) was created as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the DeKalb-Sycamore Urbanized Area (UA). The Urbanized Area encompasses all or portions of the City of DeKalb, the City of Sycamore, the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County and Northern Illinois University. Like any other organization they are experiencing financial difficulty and it is time to revisit the funding for the organization and how the monies will be distributed. Mr. Magdziarz said this meeting was to begin discussions and he believes that if Cortland is going to be a member it

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Attest: *Clayton*

needs to be a full voting member. Mr. Magdziarz will report back as recommendations of apportionments become available.

Water Tower and Well #4 is finished and on-line.

Mr. Magdziarz met with the City of DeKalb, there have been no changes with the DeKalb Airport irrigation project from their prospective. They are waiting for the Town to proceed.

Mr. Magdziarz said meeting regarding a TIF District have been productive and look encouraging. Mr. Magdziarz has also met with the DeKalb School District who also encourage.

Mayor Seyller asked for consensus on meeting date for a TIF workshop. Meeting will be held on December 13th as part of the Committee of the Whole.

Other Town Reports

All other department reports were included in the packet.

Finance Report

Mr. Lamz provided a summary of the budget review that was submitted in the packet. At the halfway point of the fiscal year revenues, with the exception of fee revenues, are tracking close to budget levels. Expenses are generally tracking favorable to budget with the exception of specific items routinely mentioned such as legal expenses. Overall, at the point of the budget year we are on-track to meet budget expectations. Mr. Lamz reminded everyone that budgeted expectations include beginning the next fiscal year with \$150,000 less in available cash than the current year.

Mayor Seyller has asked Mr. Lamz to prepare a profile of the Eagle Homes Lawsuit for the Town Board.

Cable TV Franchise Agreement

Mr. Magdziarz will have the Agreement ready for approval November 22.

NICOR Lease Agreement

There are no time constraints for the NICOR Lease Agreement does not need to be renewed until the end of 2011.

New Business

Equipment Purchase

After a meeting with Mr. Kocher, Operations and Maintenance Director, Mr. Lanning expressed concern regarding the existing aerial lift truck that the Town currently owns. Mr. Kocher reported that he does not believe the truck is going to pass inspection. The cost of repair is \$11,000. This is a bucket truck that is in constant use for trimming trees, hanging and replacing banners, etc.

Mr. Kocher has an estimate from Tom Sauber for a 1997 Ford Superduty for \$21,300.

Mr. Lamz has been checking loan quotes and reported the monthly payments would be \$506 per month. That would be with 20% down and any money received from selling the vehicle would reduce the loan amount.

Trustee Reiter said that safety needs to be the number one concern and this is a good opportunity to replace the existing unit.

The consensus of the Board was to add this item for approval to the November 22 agenda.

Concerns/Comments

Trustee Stone asked about the removal of stop signs at Maple and Ottawa.

Presidents Report

Mayor Seyller is looking for suggestions regarding an appreciation evening. He would like to acknowledge the Town's volunteers and is looking for ways to do it.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Trustee Reiter moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss Purchase or Lease of Property for the Use of the Public Body (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)) to Include the Full Board, the Mayor, the Deputy Clerk, Treasurer and the Town Administrator

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Reiter, Siewierski, Stone and Barzso

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Corson

5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Reconvene to Town Board meeting

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Reiter, Siewierski, Stone and Barzso

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Corson

5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried

Meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Reiter moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk