

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Committee of the Whole Workshop
April 18, 2011

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Mayor Seyller and Trustees Sandra Barzso, Chuck Lanning and Doug Corson. Trustee Brad Stone, Randy Reiter and Mike Siewierski was shown as absent. Quorum was present. Also present was Administrator Walter Magdziarz, Treasurer Mike Lamz, and Operation and Maintenance Director John Kocher and Chief Dennis Medema.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Barzso seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Persons Wishing To Be Heard

Mrs. Susan Dockus said that she had questions and would like to address the Board after its discussion because her questions might be answered during the presentations by Mr. Magdziarz and Mr. Lamz. Mayor Seyller said that he had answers to the questions that she submitted in writing to the table at the April 11 meeting, but they would not be addressed until the April 25 Town Board meeting so that all the Trustees could hear them at once.

Proposed FY12 Budget Discussion

Mr. Magdziarz handed out a list of discussion items for FY12 and led the discussion. Trustee Barzso still had questions regarding the handout from March 28. Mayor Seyller, Trustees Barzso, Corson and Lanning went through each item where there were unanswered questions. After input from Mr. Kocher and Chief Medema Trustees reached the following consensus:

Administration

1. Funding of pay increases will remain in the budget and must be approved by the Mayor as is existing Town Board policy.
2. Technology upgrades and fiber optic connections will remain in budget pending funding

Capital Improvements

1. \$20,000 to fund decorations will be cut.

Operation & Maintenance

1. Snow plow will remain in the budget.
2. Skid steer and trailer will remain in budget. The snow blower and truck (Mr. Kocher took in the two oldest trucks (5&6) in for inspection and believes purchase of a new truck can wait) will not be funded.
3. Air Compressor will not be needed until Operation and Maintenance Building is ready.

Water/Wastewater

1. Water/Wastewater Department ATV will remain in the budget and projected cost is less than \$18,000.

Mrs. Dockus was invited to the table to ask her questions.

Mrs. Dockus asked which of the 3 versions of the budget that have been prepared will be taken forward with the changes from tonight; she was told that a new draft will be prepared. She also asked where in the proposed budget document is the \$68,000 interfund allocation from the Sewer and Water Funds to the General Fund for billing done by the Clerk's Office in the current budget year; Mr. Lamz replied that the allocation is shown as Consulting Fees in the Sewer and Water Funds, as was approved by the Board with the FY11 budget amendments on March 28. Mrs. Dockus submitted to the table a handout comparing the proposed Wage & Benefit Scale for FY12 with the existing one that is included as Appendix A in the Town's most recent Policies & Procedures Handbook (last amended 12/17/09); she went through the handout with the Trustees showing the proposed changes to the wage ranges along with the changes touched on at last week's meeting. Mayor Seyller told Mrs. Dockus that the intent was not to change the current Wages and her questions regarding any changes will be answered at the April 25 Town Board meeting.

Trustee Lanning stated that in the next few months he would like to see the Board review job descriptions and personnel policies.

Adjournment

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk