

Town Hall  
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Cortland IL. 60112

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Committee of the Whole

7:00 P.M.

June 9, 2008

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

Mayor Seyller called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll call was taken by Rita Nielsen, Deputy Clerk, showed as present Mayor Seyller, Trustees Mike Siewierski, Shawn McAllister, Dan Milroy, Chuck Lanning and Brad Stone. Shown as absent was Trustee Suppeland. A quorum was present. Also present were Engineer Noah Carmichael, Attorney Parker Johnson, and Director of Operations and Maintenance John Kocher.

**Agenda**

Trustee Lanning asked that the agenda be amended to include a discussion regarding Welsh Park.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to amend the agenda to allow for adding Welsh Park discussion to the Agenda as item g under New Business. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Committee of the Whole**

**Proposed Prevailing Wage Discussion**

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to recommend to Town Board that the Proposed Prevailing Wage Ordinance go forward to Town Board meeting of June 23. Clerk Aldis said that when putting the ordinance together she did not have the June update, however it is ready and will be attached for the June 23 meeting.

**Proposed Amendment to Town Code**

Clerk Aldis explained that while in the process of amending Section 2-1-1 of the Town Code providing for appointment and membership of a Planning Commission it did not follow through for code changes to 2-1-2 (Terms of Office, Vacancies and Compensation of the Cortland Town Code) for the Planning Commission Terms of Office to read: Such appointed citizen members shall serve for a period of three (3) years.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to recommend approval of Town Code Amendment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**MFT 2008 Road Work**

Mr. Carmichael reported that MFT road work includes repairing/replacing the pavement on King Avenue, Llanos, and Maple streets with the biggest expense to the project being the reconstruction of King Street and Maple Avenue between Llanos Street and Somonauk Road. The work list includes seal coat of Maple Park Road adjacent to the Town's property (Hermann Farm). The total amount of the resolution would be \$195,000. There were concerns from Trustees regarding the Town not having anything in writing between the Town and Pinnacle Construction regarding street damage or curb

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damage when the road construction is completed and homes are built. Mr. Carmichael said that an agreement regarding road construction is being prepared. Trustee Milroy said that the Board would like to see the agreement before it is signed.

Mrs. Dockus said she has talked with MFT auditors and we can date this resolution to coincide with the Town's fiscal year by changing the December 31, 2008 date to April 30, 2009. She also reported the audit requires a refund of approximately \$8500 for unapproved expenses from last calendar year.

#### **Bond Reduction Request for Montalbano Homes**

Concerns were brought up regarding the difference between what has been paid out and work that still needs be completed. Costs have gone up considerably since these bonds were purchased and the cost to complete could be much higher than originally estimated. Trustee Milroy would like to see the new estimates before continuing with this request.

There was also concern regarding the damage done to the field tiles at the Mary Aldis farm. This is an ongoing problem that still needs repair.

Committee recommendation is for Mr. Carmichael to send a letter to Montalbano Homes requesting new estimates on work remaining to be completed. The Town will then request bonds worth the new estimates plus 10%. It is also recommended that Montalbano secure estimates on what it will cost to restore the Aldis property.

#### **WRT Proposal**

It was the recommendation of the committee that the engineers start negotiations with WRT for radium removal requesting prices for both options to purchase or lease.

#### **FCL Bond Reduction Request**

After discussion regarding the Schaeffer System not being fully tested, the committee chose to not make any recommendation on this request. There was also some concern as to whether or not some of the Aldis field tile damage could have occurred during construction of this facility.

#### **Welsh Park**

Trustee Lanning suggested that the park equipment (Tunnel of Fun) that was originally purchased as a "buy one get one free" for McPhillips Park and has been in storage since could be used at Welsh Park. Mr. Kocher presented a rough drawing (not to scale) of where he felt the equipment could be placed. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded motion to recommend to Town Board that the equipment be installed by the Operations and Maintenance Department in Welsh Park.

#### **Pending Business**

##### **MFT Resolution**

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister moved to table the MFT Resolution appropriating \$195,000 in funds for current year roadway maintenance until June 23 board meeting.

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### President's Report

Mayor Seyller reported that the town is moving forward on the Safe Walk to Schools program. We are collecting bikeability and walkability surveys for residents.

He and Trustee Lanning, Noah Carmichael and Mick Gronewold met with Congressman Foster regarding storm water management for airport runoff. Also, to see if there is grant money available to help the town create the blockage from the south side of Barber Greene Rd. north to the branch of the Kishwaukee River. Congressman Foster suggested that the Town talk to the airport to see if it can be part of the engineering solutions. After meeting with the airport the engineers were told that Cortland is not part of the Airport Layout Plan so this was not a solution. They were also told that DeKalb has applied for federal grant money to build another pond, however this money cannot be used for a hydrology plan.

Trustee Milroy had a concern regarding roads filling up with water in Richland Trails. Mr. Carmichael stated that when the plastic is removed from the sides of the road this will not be a problem.

There was discussion regarding hiring a part-time mowing person and paying for it out of restricted assets fund. Attorney Johnson will check into this. Trustee Milroy asked for proposals from contractors so they can compare costs.

### Adjournment

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk