

**TOWN OF CORTLAND**

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Committee Meeting**

7:00 P.M.  
February 9, 2009

**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, Trustees Shawn McAllister, Brad Stone, and Chuck Lanning, Mike Siewierski, Ben Suppeland and Dan Milroy. Quorum was present. Other officials present: Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Parker Johnson, Water/Waste Water Superintendent Joel Summerhill, Operations and Maintenance Director John Kocher and Sgt. Dennis Medina.

**Agenda**

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

**Presentation of the 2008 DeLaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award**

Mayor Seyller presented Mrs. Barb Coward with the 2008 DeLaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award. Mayor Seyller presented her with a plaque which read: In honor of your improving and enhancing the community through your many years of service to the Town of Cortland. Your efforts have enriched the quality of life of Cortland's residents. Countless lives have been touched by your dedication to public service. 25 Years with the Cortland Community Library and your participation with the Cortland Business Association, Cortland School PTA, and Cortland Cub Scouts. The Town of Cortland is grateful for your contributions to our Community. Mrs. Coward had many friends and family members in the audience as well as library board members.

**Discussion Regarding Outstanding Utility Service Balance on Inactive Accounts**

Mr. Milroy commented that some of these utility bills go back to 2001. Mr. Summerhill said that penalty fees continue to be added to original balance which distorts the uncollected amounts. Mr. Summerhill said that most of the bills on this list are bankruptcies and foreclosures that have been discharged and not collectable. Mr. Summerhill said that he will bring a list of outstanding accounts each year to write off as uncollectable.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Milroy seconded a motion to recommend to Town Board that this list of bills be written off as uncollectable. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Discussion Regarding Non-developer Reimbursable over 90 Days**

Mrs. Dockus presented a list of uncollected mowing fines for vacant properties in Cortland. She recommended that the Town lien these properties costing approximately \$37.50 per lien. Trustee Milroy asked about 2 mowing charges for Invest Foreclosures. Attorney Johnson stated that it would probably not be necessary to lien this property as the town is in litigation for completion and maintenance issues with Invest Foreclosures. Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded

a motion to recommend to the full board that all properties with the exception of the two with Invest Foreclosure have a lien filed against the property. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **Discussion Regarding Comp Time**

Trustee Lanning lead this discussion regarding the use of comp time. Mrs. Dockus prepared and distributed a comparison chart showing overtime costs in dollars versus comp time. Trustee Lanning said that he was in favor of employees having the choice of using comp time with their supervisor's permission. Time off would be equal to one and one half times the number of hours of overtime worked. Comp time would be approved by Department Head or supervisor, up to a maximum of 40 hours during the annual period from December to November. Sgt. Medina addressed the town board saying that the Chief of Police makes out the schedule and he has the flexibility to make adjustments during the hours of police coverage. Mr. Kocher and Mr. Summerhill both agreed that comp time would be good for their departments as emergency situations do come up where comp time would be preferable than overtime pay for employees.

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to recommend to the Town Board that employees be allowed to choose, with department head permission, comp time. Comp time would be paid at one and one half times the number of overtime hours worked. The maximum amount of time is 40 hours to be used from December to November. The motion was carried by a voice vote with Trustee Milroy voting no.

### **Discussion regarding Proposed FY09 Budget Amendment**

Mrs. Dockus submitted to the table and presented the FY09 Proposed Budget Amendment for review. Mrs. Dockus went through each fund and explained each line item revision. Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to recommended Town and Library amendments be forwarded to the Town Board for approval.

### **FY10 Budget**

Mrs. Dockus submitted to table and presented the Preliminary Requests and Expectations for FY10 Budget. To date Mrs. Dockus had budget requests from herself, Mrs. Aldis and Mr. Kocher. Mrs. Dockus said that the FY10 Budget needs to be approved by end of April.

Mr. Kocher was asked why his plan includes keeping the 1999 and selling the 2001 International Mr. Kocher's response was that the 1999 has had many repairs and is in good condition where as the 2001 is going to start needing repairs.

Trustee Milroy asked about projects that could be included in the Federal Stimulus Package. Trustee Milroy thought the storm water problems north of town could be one approach. Mayor Seyller said that he, with the engineer and others are working on a list of capital improvement priorities in case monies become available. Mayor Seyller said he thought the roundabout may be the project that is "shovel ready" and the least expensive. Trustee Milroy, referring to it as the "silly circle" did not agree.

Mrs. Dockus asked if the board liked the way the budget requests were done or if they would rather have the whole package at one time. Trustee Suppeland liked this and would like to see it done this way. Consensus was to continue bringing requests to committee meetings.

**President's Report**

Mayor Seyller said that there is going to be a Candidate's Night on February 17 at the Cortland Church. Trustee Lanning and Pastor Wendy are putting it together and will send out letters notifying candidates of the time and date.

Mayor Seyller, once again, congratulated Mrs. Barb Coward on receiving the DeLaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award.

**Adjournment**

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk

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