

TOWN OF CORTLAND

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Business Meeting

7:00 P.M.

January 26, 2009

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen.

Shown as present were Mayor Seyller, Trustees Shawn McAllister, Dan Milroy and Chuck Lanning. Shown as absent were Trustees Ben Suppeland and Mike Siewierski. Quorum was present. Other officials present: Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Parker Johnson, Superintendent Water/Wastewater Joel Summerhill, Town Engineer Noah Carmichael, Operations and Maintenance Director John Kocher, Zoning Administrator Walter Magdziarz and Chief Russ Stokes.

Agenda

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk, Rita Nielsen read the Consent Agenda

Town Board minutes November 24, December 8 and 11, 2008 and January 12, 2009
Cortland Community Library minutes for October and November 2008
Cortland Community Library Budget Report for November and December 2008
List of Bills Paid for Town for December 2008
Treasurer's Budget Report for November and December 2008
Gateway Tank Payment No. 5 (Recommendation from Jan. 12)

Mayor Seyller pointed out that on page 2, paragraph 3, of the January 12 minutes the word boundary line should be changed to read 'exchange'. Trustee Stone said that he was referring to exchange when he asked a question.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment of January 12 minutes to read 'exchange' instead of 'boundary line'.

Roll call vote:

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

Staff Reports

Attorney's Report

Attorney Johnson reported that he has been working on issues related to the Town's easement rights in Nature's Crossing subdivision in order to deal with flooding streets. He is following up on the Town's claim on the subdivision bond. He is having on-going discussions with Montalbano about their responsibility for certain improvements in the Chestnut Grove subdivision. Attorney Johnson has been talking with DeKalb Fiber Optic and they have agreed to have their engineer contact Town Engineer Noah Carmichael about the actual engineering plans for their project, which includes serving their customer on Somonauk Road, the Town Hall and the elementary school. Attorney Johnson reported that Judge Brady dismissed Dr. Young's case against the Town with prejudice, which means that the law suit is over in the trial court. This case could still be appealed. In the law suit from developers, who did file a notice of appeal the appellate court has ordered their attorney to file necessary paperwork and the filing fee, or the case will be dismissed. Attorney Johnson will be going to court in the case of the Town vs. InvestForClosures this week and he will find out if they have any interest in settlement. Depositions for the Eagle Homes vs. Cortland case have been scheduled.

Engineer's Report

Sewer Treatment Plan: Mr. Carmichael reported that the IEPA is reviewing the application for permitting the sewer treatment plant to allow direct discharge. He said he knows they are in the review process because they have called with questions. Mr. Carmichael said that Sheaffer continues to work slowly through remaining items on punch list.

Well #4 and Tower: Mr. Carmichael reported Gateway Tank completed the concrete pedestal portion of the tower late in December. With the cold weather minimal construction has been completed since Christmas. Gateway has indicated that they will start construction on the cap and tank when temperature ranges are normal. Fehr-Graham has continued working with ComEd regarding the electrical service to the site. Mr. Carmichael said that as previously discussed the electrical service will be underground and the quote for underground was less than originally quoted. Trustee Milroy asked Mr. Carmichael to bring overhead quotes to the board so they could compare both.

WRT: Review of the Radium Removal System has been completed and WRT is providing Fehr-Graham with a detailed set of construction drawings to be used during installation.

Neumann Homes: Mr. Carmichael reported that the surety has completed improvements associated with both Phase I and Phase II. The remaining improvements under discussion continue to be the restoration of the south end of the detention facility. Trustee Milroy asked what type of restoration. Mr. Carmichael said that the Town would like to see final grading and seeding. Trustee Lanning asked about putting up a sign for Suppeland Park. Mayor Seyller will take care of this.

Water Wastewater Report

Mr. Summerhill went through his report with the board. Trustee Lanning asked how many fixed base end points are installed to date. Mr. Summerhill reported that there are 39. Trustee Milroy asked about pending disconnects. Mr. Summerhill said there are approximately 80. Mr. Milroy raised a question on how long bankruptcy are kept on the books and asked Mr. Summerhill to bring a recommendation to committee. Trustee Milroy will continue working on sewer and water billing code.

Operation and Maintenance Report

Mr. Kocher reported that salt use is high due to a combination of bad weather and using salt in more subdivisions than originally planned. Mr. Kocher said that snow fence on Loves Rd. has helped and he plans to add more fencing next year in other areas as well. Mr. Kocher said that he plans on installing a sump line this spring/summer in the Juniper area. This will allow the residents to hook-up to it; this would help do away with repeating ice problems.

Trustee Lanning asked if the town truck is out of warranty. Mr. Kocher said the [1999 International dump truck] is out of warranty.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Magdziarz presented his report.

Building Report

Incomplete Zoning and Building Report

Trustee Milroy would like these issues completed and files closed as soon as possible

Permit Report was in packet.

Police Report

Chief Stokes presented November and December reports. His Annual Report will be ready for the board next month. However, he wanted to give a heads up to the board regarding incidents in 2008. There were 2264 incidents down by 4%.

Part I crimes were down 30% (50-35), Part II crimes up 13% (179 to 202), (due to domestic violence and ordinance violations), Traffic Crashes were down 11% (57 to 51), Criminal Traffic Arrests were up 27% (162 to 207), Warrant Arrests up 71% (24 to 41), Traffic Citations up 18% (245 to 290), Drug related arrests up 114% (7 to 15), Hours of Service up 8% (10,258 to 11,031) and Miles Driven up 7% (57,209 to 61,335).

Liaison Reports

Trustee Lanning reported for Operation and Maintenance that there are going to be future equipment repair considerations, and the Town should start looking at replacing a truck.

Trustee Stone said that Festival and Parade will be meeting soon to plan and set a date for this year. He is waiting for one last bill to give the Board a final report for 2008.

Trustee Milroy would like to discuss disconnections and bankruptcy policies at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. He would like Mr. Summerhill to bring recommendations at that time. He is working on ordinance for monthly billing for sewer and water.

Mrs. Aldis reported that the Planning Commission will meet on March 2.

Mrs. Dockus reported that she will have a budget amendment for the next meeting and would like input regarding FY10 budget at that time.

New Business

Maple Park Boundary Agreement

Approve Draft Revision dated January 13, 2009 for the Maple Park Boundary Agreement. Mr. Magdziarz said that the revisions requested by the Town Board at the January 12th meeting are now part of this draft agreement. Mayor Seyller said that this is simply a draft that will be sent to Maple Park.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to send draft agreement to Maple Park. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Approve WRT Payment Request for Well #4

Mr. Carmichael was available to answer questions on this request. Mayor Seyller said that this payment will be made from the SSA; however, eventually the Town will have to discuss financing.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve payment request of \$317,700 with monies to come from water fund.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Milroy, McAllister and Stone

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Siewierski and Suppeland Motion carried.

President's Report

Mayor Seyller said that the News & Views Special Edition to the Town Newsletter has been mailed and he has received good feedback from residents. Mayor Seyller said that there was great collaboration between staff and consultants and thanked everyone who helped.

Concerns

Trustee Stone said that he has noticed that the landfill is putting out some bad odors. Mayor Seyller will look into this.

Trustee Lanning said he will have a committee meeting in February and will be talking about policy regulations regarding consideration for changing from regular overtime to comp time.

Adjournment

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk