

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
March 15, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Roll call was taken by Clerk Cheryl Aldis. Shown as present were Mayor Seyller and Trustees, Mike Siewierski, Chuck Lanning, and Randy Reiter (LA). Shown as absent were Trustees Doug Corson, Sandra Barzso, and Brad Stone. Quorum was present including the Mayor. Other officials present were Town Administrator Walter Magdziarz, and Finance Director Mike Lamz.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lanning moved and Mr. Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

FY 11 Budget Discussions

Mayor Seyller opened the discussion with a review of current projections.

Mr. Lanning questioned the FY10 Police Department budget beginning numbers and current status.

Mike Lamz stated the budget started with approximately \$45,000 cash, and transfers of \$324,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund; the Police Department Fund had approximately \$117,000 in revenue which includes tickets, fines and property tax monies; expenses are projected at \$459,000.

Growth and staffing patterns of the department were reviewed between 2007 and 2010 which shows an increase of \$200,000 in salaries. The main reason for increase through time is the number of work hours has increased.

Mr. Lanning asked if consideration had been given to changing the makeup of the police department by changing coverage. Could services be outsourced? Is there any consideration that the Town of Cortland has too much coverage?

Mr. Magdziarz stated they were searching for a way to determine where the town stands with respect to police in our budgets. In research already done officers per capita is the wrong measure to use. There is no mandatory per capita measure in place. Call volume is the criteria

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that should be used. Four years of data have been reviewed. The information from the Department's own data does not support the need for 24 hour coverage.

Mr. Reiter moved and Mr. Lanning seconded a motion for recess in order to gather documentation. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Lanning moved and Mr. Siewierski seconded a motion to reconvene the meeting. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. 8:15 pm

Mr. Magdziarz reviewed the list of capital outlays in the handouts. General Fund Summary – the key is the grey shaded areas. Those numbers have been trending downward for the past couple of years. Mr. Magdziarz stated that he is convinced that the state is slowly weaning municipalities off the state treasury. Administration is not proposing any new fees in this budget. Any new increases would be met with resistance. The budget is balanced, but precariously. This projection does not include the Governor's current budget proposals which include a 30% reduction in municipalities' share of the Local Government Distributive Fund. This translates to approximately \$91,000 for Cortland.

Mr. Lamz stated that cooperation from department heads has been high and greatly appreciated. This proposal does not include police department funding from the general fund. All funds for that department would be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Mayor Seyller stated that conversations have been had with legal and engineering services; they will not begin any new projects or assignments without specific authorization from the Town Administrator or the Mayor.

The remaining sheets were reviewed by Mr. Lamz.

There was a statement made that another budget workshop meeting may be required for Monday, March 29. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mr. Siewierski moved and Mr. Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk