

**TOWN OF CORTLAND**

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Committee Meeting**

7:00 P.M.  
March 16, 2009

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

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 and Dan Milroy. Quorum was present. Shown as absent was Trustee Ben Suppeland. Other officials present: Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Parker Johnson, Water/Waste Water Superintendent Joel Summerhill, Operations and Maintenance Director John Kocher and Engineer Noah Carmichael

**Agenda**

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add a Request to Speak. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Request to Speak**

Mrs. Darlene O'Connor introduced herself explaining that she is a candidate for election for Cortland Township Supervisor. Mrs. O'Connor has been a resident of Cortland Township for 16 years and is a local realtor.

**Intergovernmental Indemnity Agreement with DeKalb County Sheriff's Office**

Mrs. Dockus said that the DeKalb County Sheriff would like an indemnity agreement with the Town for cases where there are full time sheriff deputies working part-time in Cortland. Trustee Milroy questioned why after all this time the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office wants to enter into this agreement. Mrs. Dockus suggested that if anyone had questions they should contact Chief Stokes. Attorney Johnson said this would not be an uncommon agreement.

Trustee McAllister moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to table this agreement. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**FY10 Budget**

Mrs. Dockus presented the Preliminary Requests and Expectations for FY10 Budget.

**Administration**

Increases of \$40,000 from Capital Improvement Fund for technology upgrades. Mayor Seyller said that he and Clerk Aldis have been meeting and discussing best options for bringing fiber optics (wireless internet service) to Cortland.

Approved:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Operation and Maintenance**

There was discussion regarding the benefits of purchasing a 2009 plow truck with wing and salting equipment. There was a discussion regarding consideration for borrowing money and building a new building for operation and maintenance while the interest rates and cost of construction are down. Consensus for \$750,000 for public works facility was to leave it in the budget.

Mr. Kocher asked everyone to pay attention to the street light in front of Town Hall as it has a LED light that he is testing.

### **Water System**

Increases of \$550,000 (above grant and SSA amount) for Well #4 radium treatment equipment and \$25,000 for meter conversions for fixed base system.

### **Sewer System**

Increases of \$700,000 for airport irrigation discharge from STP, \$75,000 for sewer system inspection camera and software and \$612,000 for rebuilding North Avenue lift Station or update level system.

### **Cortland Community Library**

FY10 budget was in packet for board review.

### **Set Public Hearing Date for FY10 Budget**

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Milroy seconded a motion to set FY10 Public Hearing date for April 13, 2009. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **Correction to previously accepted Cortland Library Budget.**

Mrs. Dockus had corrections to library budget report from 2008/09 budget.

Trustee Milroy moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to forward to Consent Agenda for March 23. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **Review Proposed Changes for Sewer/Water Code**

Mayor Seyller asked what the thought was on educating residents on budgeting and pre-paying their water bill so they don't run into problems paying a larger bill every 3 months. There was discussion regarding the benefits and costs of monthly billing. Mr. Summerhill was asked to give his opinion and he was in favor of monthly billing. Mr. Summerhill was given direction from the board to check with other municipalities who bill once per month and how they streamline the process.

### **WRT Well #4 Financing**

No discussion was had at this time.

### **Set Date for 2009 Festival and Parade**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to recommend approval for the date of October 11, 2009, to be placed on the consent agenda. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **Wireless Internet Provider**

The consensus of the mayor and trustees was that it's too early for the Town to make any decision regarding allowing internet providers to use the Town's towers for their equipment. Consideration of

interference with the Town's ITRON and not let anyone have "senior rights". Consensus was that when considering agreements the town needs to have separate agreements for each tower and keep them short term and that the Town needs to know what its own needs are going to be first.

### **President's Report**

Mayor Seyller announced that the Northern Illinois Mayors Association will meet on Thursday. If anyone is interested in attending, please let him know. There is a possibility of another Candidates Forum that would be sponsored by the Robinson Farm Homeowners Association. A possible date for this forum would be March 31.

### **Concerns**

Trustee Stone would like Elm Street to be a priority for street repairs. Trustee Milroy suggested that the Town will eventually receive requests for windmills and the Town Codes should be ready for this. Trustee McAllister expressed concern regarding negative campaigning suggesting that the Board does not let people speak, which he believes is not true.

At 9:25 p.m. Mayor Seyller announced that there would be a 10 minute break before the Board adjourns to Closed Session. He informed everyone that no action from the Board would be taken after Closed Session and upon reconvening the Board would immediately adjourn from this meeting.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)). Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion; meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

### **Reconvene Meeting**

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to reconvene meeting. Meeting reconvened at 10:26 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk