

TOWN OF CORTLAND

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Committee Meeting

7:00 P.M.
June 8, 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 Sandra Barzso, Brad Stone and Doug Corson. Mike Siewierski was absent for roll call, he arrived at 7:13, Chuck Lanning was absent for roll call, he arrived at 7:21. Ben Suppeland was absent. Quorum was present. Other officials present: Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Parker Johnson, Engineer Noah Carmichael, Zoning Administrator Walter Magdziarz, Clerk Cheryl Aldis and Chief Russell Stokes.

Agenda

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item g, Discussion regarding mowing undeveloped lots. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

PC Recommendation PC09-02

Mr. Magdziarz presented PC Recommendation. The Planning Commission is recommending that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to remove regulatory roadblocks for residents and business owners who desire to implement renewable energy production and water conservation measures. The amendment also brings the Town Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the Illinois Comprehensive Solar Energy Act of 1977 and the Illinois Wind Farm Act. These amendments are promulgated by a number of inquiries over the months by residents who have expressed a desire to implement alternative energy production on their property or to increase water conservation measures. Certain amendments are needed to make the Zoning Ordinance current with state statutes with respect to wind and solar energy.

Mr. Magdziarz and the board discussed the following supplementary regulations for specific use: rain barrels, rain gardens, small wind energy conversion systems, meteorological towers. Mr. Magdziarz also stated that this amendment covers parking and design standards and design and location of off-street loading facilities.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to recommend sending to Town Board on June 22, for approval, under Consent Agenda PC09-2 and the Ordinance approving zoning amendment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Finance Report

Trustee Barzso said that she is working financing for the WRT balance and has contacted several banks and will have a full report for the Town Board on June 22. Mrs. Dockus stated that she is talking to a debt service provider and will also have a report on the June 22.

Traffic Schedule/Placement Signs

Chief Stokes stated that he is proposing changes to the adopted Traffic Schedule/Placement of Sign. He met with the principal at Cortland School and there are changes that will coincide with the needs of the new school. He also believes there will be a need for a stop light at the intersection of Rte 38 and Hahn Drive as there is a potential for safety problems when many vehicles are leaving the school at the same time.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to recommend sending to Town Board on June 22, for approval under Consent Agenda. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Discussion of Cortland's Portion of Cambridge Homes Irrigation Main Upgrade From 10" to 12" to Supply Airport Irrigation

Mr. Carmichael explained that the Town portion of Cambridge's irrigation needs to be upgrade from a 10" to 12" irrigation main. Cambridge pipe will end at Loves Rd. and the Town will hook up there. Mr. Carmichael said that they estimated the distance for this proposal and Mr. Covell will take measurements in the field. The estimated cost is around \$40,000. The Town will reimburse Cambridge Homes for the difference in the upgrade. Mr. Carmichael will be setting up a meeting with Rick Monas from City of DeKalb regarding irrigation of airport land. Trustee Lanning would like to attend with Mr. Carmichael. Mayor Seyller said that the Town has to do this or it would limit its irrigation potential.

Recommendation was to send to Town Board for action on June 22.

WRT Pay Request

Mr. Carmichael presented a pay request for WRT.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to recommend the pay request be sent to June 22 Consent Agenda for approval. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Sam's Restaurant Zoning Variance

Mr. Magdziarz reported that the Town Hearing Officer (Atty. Johnson) held a public hearing. The applicant, Sam's Family Restaurant, is asking for a zoning variance to expand south of his property along North Avenue. Mr. Magdziarz said that only one neighbor attended the hearing and while she did not have any objections to the expansion or parking variation she is concerned about drainage issues. Mr. Magdziarz said that he did require a spot survey with the application process and the drainage problem is caused from road grading and neither property owner could solve this problem on their own. Mr. Magdziarz also reported that the variation request also included a reduction in the amount of parking required for the enlarged seating area. Mr. Magdziarz will check into handicapped parking when parking lot is striped.

Mr. Magdziarz will bring this to the Board on June 22 for action.

Mowing of Undeveloped Lots

Mayor Seyller explained that many developers have vacant lots that they are not mowing. This is causing a problem because it is cheaper for them to use the town for instead of paying a service to do it. Chief Stokes said that by the time he sends out all the required notices they only have to mow two times

a year. There is also a problem sometimes trying to find who owns the property. There was discussion regarding increasing the fine, increasing mowing charges, and setting dates by which lots have to be mowed by. Chief Stokes would like to keep talking about this problem so we are not dealing with the same issue next year.

When asked about road repair work in Nature's Crossing Mayor Seyller said that he is going to meet with attorneys and engineers to see if the Town can do some road patching. Mayor Seyller is also planning on meeting with Nature's Crossing homeowners.

New Business

Approve Excavating Proposal from Wagner Excavating for Water Main Extension

Mr. Carmichael presented a proposal from Wagner Excavating for installation of 300 LF of C-900 PVC water main with pressure and chlorination of same.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve proposal for \$18,942 and not to exceed \$20,000 with monies to come from SSA or Water Fund if necessary.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Barzso, Stone, Corson and Siewierski

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Suppeland

Motion carried

Approve Application from Festival and Parade Committee to Approve Variance of Town Code

Trustee Stone presented a request for variance for June 20, movie night until 11:30 p.m. The movie will not start until dusk which will extend the time past the 10:00 p.m. noise nuisance code.

Trustee Lanning moved and Corson seconded a motion to approve application.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Barzso, Stone, Corson and Siewierski

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Suppeland

Motion carried

Request from Festival and Parade Committee to Waive Peddler Application Fee of \$25

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve request. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Approve a Resolution Supporting Ohio Grove Cemetery Association Request to Amend A Special Use Permit (DeKalb County Petition C0-09-05)

Trustee Siewierski moved to Approve A Resolution Supporting Ohio Grove Cemetery Association Request to Amend A Special Use Permit (DeKalb County Petition C0-09-05). Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.
RES. NO. 2009-04

Approve a Resolution of Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance in Conjunction with IEPA Loan Application

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to Approve A Resolution of Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance in Conjunction with IEPA Loan Application. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.
RES. NO. 2009-03

Resignation of Trustee Suppeland

Mayor Seyller read a letter from Trustee Ben Suppeland. Trustee Suppeland resigned his position as Trustee for the Town, effective immediately, due to health reasons. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to regretfully accept the resignation. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Concerns

Clerk Aldis stated that she was misquoted in the DeKalb Chronicle. She did not say the Town “will do what they will do” she said “the Town will do what is lawfully required to do”.

President’s Report

Mayor Seyller reminded everyone that the Parade and Festival Committee is having a movie night on June 20.

Adjournment

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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