

TOWN OF CORTLAND

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Business Meeting

7:00 P.M.
August 27, 2007

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen.

Present: Mayor Seyller, Trustees Ben Suppeland, Mike Siewierski, Shawn McAllister, Brad Stone, Dan Milroy and Chuck Lanning. Quorum was present. Other officials present: Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Treasurer Susan Dockus, Attorney Parker Johnson, Chief Russ Stokes, I.C.C.I. Gary Williams, Operation and Maintenance Director John Kocher, Superintendent Water/Wastewater Harry Zimmer, Zoning Administrator Walter Magdziarz and Town Engineer Noah Carmichael.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda.

- a. Town Board minutes; July 23, August 13
- b. Administration & Personnel, Ordinance, Budget & Finance and Equipment, Town Buildings & Property minutes of August 13
- c. Accept Festival and Parade Committee minutes from July 12
- d. Accept Library minutes for July 18 & Library Treasurer's Report for June & July
- e. Accept Park Advisory minutes of June 19
- f. Treasurer's Report for July
- g. List of Bills paid for July
- h. Accept Festival & Parade Committee Financial Report from DeKalb County Community Foundation (Final Report for 2006)
- i. Administration and Personnel Committee recommendation for approval of revisions to job description for superintendent Water/Wastewater Department
- j. Approve and Adopt Traffic Schedules/Placement of Signs

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee McAllister seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda amended to remove item j. Approve and Adopt Traffic Schedules/Placement of Signs and placing under New Business Item b.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski, McAllister, Stone, Lanning and Milroy

Nays: None

Absent:

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried

Approved:
Attest: 

Citizens Wishing to Speak

Mr. Paul Stover, 128 Elm St. addressed the board regarding water drainage at the west end of Elm St. He stated that the privately owned wetland pond that has a 20 to 30 foot right of way has been full all summer, and has more water build up each time it rains and it never drains. He said that during this last storm the water was over the streets and manhole covers. Mr. Stover stated that he and his neighbors would like to know if the town had any plans to correct this problem.

Staff Reports

Attorney's Report

Attorney Johnson presented his report to the board.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Carmichael presented his report to the board. He reported that the Town has switched over to the Sheaffer System and is operating as designed. Testing of Cell 4 will be completed as soon as the testing company can fit us into its schedule. Work on Cell 3 will continue once the weather begins to cooperate. The fence, road and seed will continue as the weather allows. Well #4, Tower and Water Main bids have been sent out. He reported on residential development. The North Avenue Water Main improvements have been completed. Barber Greene Sewer Improvements have been completed and the line was put into service last week. Plans have been submitted to IDOT for MFT projects for 2008. Mr. Carmichael reported on the storm sewer to the north stating that to improve the drainage ditch and replacing the existing storm sewer is a substantial project that will require serious discussion from the board on how to proceed.

Trustee Milroy expressed concern regarding the time that the spray rig equipment will sit idle before used.

Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Kocher presented his report. He gave a report regarding the damages caused by the terrible storms during the week. He thanked his employees for a job well done. The Mayor and Trustees thanked Mr. Kocher and his staff for all their extra time and work.

Water Sewer

Mr. Zimmer introduced Mr. Joel Summerhill; Mr. Summerhill has been hired as the new Water/Wastewater Superintendent.

Mr. Zimmer reported on problems his department faced after major flooding. He recommended that the Town consider purchasing another 6" pump.

Mr. Zimmer reported on a problem that caused the water tower to drain. He was able to replace an electronic card in the SCADA System and the problem fixed in about 15minutes.

The Mayor and Town Trustees thanked Mr. Zimmer for all the extra hours he and his department put in during the storms that caused the flooding.

Zoning Administrator

Mr. Magdziarz presented his report.

Building Report

Mr. Williams from ICCI presented his report.

Police Report

Chief Stokes presented his reports.

Approved:
Attest: 

Committee Reports

Administration & Personnel
Next meeting: September 10

Budget & Finance
Next meeting: September 10

Economic Development
Next meeting:

Equipment, Town Buildings and Property
Next meeting: September 10

Ordinance
Next meeting: September 10

Planning Commission
Next meeting: September 5

Trustee McAllister reported that Mr. Brad Lawson is the newly appointed Chairman of the Planning Commission. Trustee McAllister stated that Mr. Lawson would like some feed back from the Town Board as to what direction they would like to see the Planning Commission working on as far as projects, land use, development and design considerations for open spaces.

Trustee Milroy felt that the Planning Commission should not be looking for guidance from the Town Board it should be working independently from the Town Board.

Trustee McAllister showed a design for a possible fishing pond that could be included in Phase 3 of Schoenfeld/Dahl as an example of a possible project the Planning Commission would be looking at.

Mayor Seyller felt that the Planning Commission was not looking for "step by step" guidelines, just some ideas of what the Town Board would like to see.

Trustee Suppeland suggested that the Town look into possible educational opportunities for Planning Commission members.

Police Committee
Next meeting:

Pubic Utilities
Next meeting: September 10

Park Advisory
Next meeting: July 28

Airport Advisory
Trustee Lanning reported that final construction of the ILS Tower and lights should be completed next spring.

New Business

Approve Purchase of John Deere 2520 Tractor

Approved:

Attest: Clarke

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Milroy seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 2520 Tractor not to exceed \$26,020.20

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski, McAllister, Stone, Lanning and Milroy

Nays: None

Absent:

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried

Approve and Adopt Traffic Schedules/Placement of Signs

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning moved to Approve and Adopt Traffic Schedules/Placement of Signs Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

President's Report

Mayor Seyller read an invitation to an open house at Kishwaukee Hospital on September 9.

Mayor Seyller talked with Mr. Dennis Miller of DeKalb County Emergency Services Disaster Agency, and was informed that while the County has been declared a disaster area by the State after the flooding, there is no financial aide available to residents at this time. Funding is only available to municipalities to help pay for costs incurred.

School District 428 is having an open house on August 28 to receive public input on building and adding onto schools in the district. South Prairie School will have an open house on Aug. 30.

Mayor Seyller encouraged all Trustees to attend the upcoming IML Conference in Chicago.

Concern

Trustee McAllister will not be here for the September 10th board meeting. Trustee Lanning asked about liquor licensing and stated he would like to see something done with the storm water study.

Adjournment to Closed Session

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. to Closed Session to discuss Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation (Exception to the Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)) to Include the Full Board, Mayor, Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, Town Attorneys (and Mr. Williams from I.C.C.I. if he returns) after a 5 minute recess.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski, McAllister, Stone, Lanning and Milroy

Nays: None

Absent:

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried

Reconvene to Regular Session

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Milroy seconded a motion to reconvene at 10:24 p. m.

Yeas: Trustees Suppeland, Siewierski, McAllister, Stone, Lanning and Milroy

Nays: None

Absent:

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; motion carried

Approve Building Inspector's Report

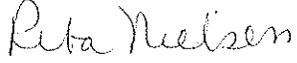
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to accept I.C.C.I. Building Inspector's Report. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Approved:
Attest: Clara

Adjourn

Trustee Suppeland moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

Approved:
Attest: Clay, R