

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Committee/Business Meeting  
**August 10, 2009**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll called showed as present Trustees Sandra Barzso, Brad Stone, Randy Reiter, Doug Corson, and Chuck Lanning. Shown as absent was Mike Siewierski. Quorum was present. Also present were Mayor Bob Seyller, Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Treasurer Susan Dockus, Director of Operations & Maintenance John Kocher, Chief of Police Russ Stokes, Sgt. Dennis Medema, and Attorney Parker Johnson.

**Agenda**

Mr. Lanning moved and Mr. Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended; to include item b under Committee of the Whole to discuss irrigation of the Amdur property. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**DeKalb County Local Emergency Planning (HAZMAT)**

Frank Beierlotzer, Chairman was present to review the De Kalb County Local Emergency Planning Committee history and why it existing in De Kalb County.

Mr. Beierlotzer stated that he had gone to the De Kalb Fire Department to find out how much money is needed to keep the hazmat training certification in place.

The purpose of the discussion is to raise awareness of the need to keep a level A Hazmat team in De Kalb County. Funding of training is an issue. The county may need to spearhead a grant that would allow training to continue for this team. A letter was written to the County Board regarding awareness issues.

**Committee of the Whole**

**Presentation of potential new building on North Avenue**

Mr. Kocher invited Ken Holmes of Midwest Agri-Systems Inc. to give a brief presentation. A drawing was presented for discussion. The design of the building is intended to be used for both Operation & Maintenance and Police Department; offices included; would have a roof slope that allows points for the LEEDS system. Hot water heat in the floor – radiant heat – heat rises to eight feet, not considered a waste of heat (the depiction is the same building as Sauber Mfg. in Virgil) furnace with a/c; geothermal option is available. It will pay for itself over time. The geothermal system is one well with loops of piping under the parking lot. The contractor stated he would work with local subcontractors, that he would make that information available should a contract come to fruition.

Mayor Seyller asked the Chief if he had input on the building. Is there an increased cost for security issues that have not been considered, items pertinent to security for a police department? Chief Stokes stated the building is speced out very similar to what they have now. They could not begin to build to state mandates to house prisoners. There is little additional space; this

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proposal gives the PD secure indoor parking for their vehicles. Parking outside would not be an issue. The way this is laid out multiple people could be in there working without interrupting one another. Pooling resources now would be beneficial for the future.

Mr. Lanning stated it looks better each time the project has been reinvestigated and asked why does blacktopping have to be done right away? Detention pond, why? Running a tile to the west and tie in to the west – possibility?

Mr. Kocher stated the development needs to be done per code and gravel would track everything into the building.

Finance discussion – Mrs. Dockus reported that the Capital Improvement Fund receives approximately \$260,000 per year from utility tax; currently budgeting \$90,000 of those dollars to other projects.

It was determined that a list of the processes needs to be created for tasks the Town needs to complete toward an approval or denial process of the project.

Consensus is to work with the Town consultants to create the list and begin to work forward. Other financial institutions should be contacted; two, possibly three quotes should be obtained.

Attorney Johnson gave a brief list of eight items he believes should be completed in order to determine if they Board is willing and able to go forward with a new building. This is not an all inclusive list and will need more thought.

### **Discussion of Irrigation of the Amdur Property**

Attorney Johnson reported that Ted Amdur has executed an irrigation agreement to allow the town to irrigate on his property. This is an additional 60+ acres. Irrigation equipment is needed to be able to get the system operational. Cost of irrigation equipment is 70-80 thousand plus other needed equipment; approximate total is \$115,000. North Central Irrigation supplied all current equipment and would be able to supply equipment in about four weeks. The Town Board would need to approve a no bid contract. More information will be available for discussion on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

#### **Appointment of Planning Commission Member**

Mayor Seyller presented Mr. Jim Work as a candidate to fill a position on the Planning Commission. With the consent of the Board the term would be until April 2012. With this approval the Planning Commission has a full complement of members.

Mr. Work introduced himself to the Board and told the areas of help that he thought he could bring to the table.

Mr. Lanning moved and Ms. Barzso seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Work to the Planning Commission. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

### **President's Report**

Mayor Seyller reminded the trustees and officers of the IML Chicago conference.

**Concerns**

Mr. Stone reported that he had contacted IMLRMA as a follow up for the festival and parade. The committee is considering a pig roast on Saturday and a beer garden for two days this year. A gate will be installed on the baseball fence. Band on Saturday night is possible.

Ms. Barzso asked when the waste management agreement would be placed before the Board. Mayor Seyller stated that discussion is on hold until September/October for public conversation.

Mr. Lanning asked the Board if anyone on the board is interested in moving the town hall to the old Cortland Elementary School. He asked the board members to think about this.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Stone moved and Mr. Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Submitted by,



Cheryl Aldis, RMC  
Town Clerk