

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Business Meeting
May 23, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Mayor Seyller called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Roll call was taken by Clerk Cheryl Aldis. Shown as present were Mayor Seyller and Trustees Sandra Barzso, Susan Dockus, Mike Siewierski, Doug Corson and Brad Stone. Trustee Chuck Lanning was absent. Other official present was Administrator Walter Magdziarz.

Agenda

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended by removing from the Consent Agenda the April 25 minutes, April Treasurer's Report and Expenditure Report and from Pending Business, item b, Professional Service Agreement with Jacob & Klein, LTD. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Public Wishing to Speak

Mr. Christian Maurer addressed the Board regarding his perspective in finances. He reviewed the fact that America has been through a depression and a recession. He discussed interest rates on money stating that inflation and hyper inflation will cause havoc in America. He believes that people need to begin helping themselves by growing their own food, etc.

Consent Agenda

Clerk Cheryl Aldis read the Consent Agenda into the record.
Approve Town Board Minutes of May 9, 2011
Accept Parade and Festival Committee Minutes for April 2011
Approve Municipal Identity Protection Policy
Approve a Cooperative Agreement for the DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study
Accept Planning Commission recommendation PC11-5

Trustee Dockus asked where the funds are in the budget for DeKalb-Sycamore Area Transportation Study. Mr. Magdziarz said it's in the contribution line item of the Capital Improvement Fund. Trustee Dockus asked that all documents, referring to Streets and Maintenance be changed to Operation and Maintenance as documents should reflect the accurate title. Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Lanning

5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

Approved: June 27, 2011

Attest: RN

Appointments of Town Officers & Planning Commission Members

Mayor Seyller presented Mr. Walter Magdziarz for re-appointment as Town Administrator. Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Barzso seconded the motion to re-appoint Mr. Magdziarz, May 2011 through May 2012.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Corson, Stone, Barzso, Dockus and Siewierski
Nay: None
Absent: Trustees Lanning
5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

Mayor Seyller presented Mr. Mike Lamz for re-appointment as Treasurer/Budget Officer. Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Barzso seconded the motion to reappoint Mr. Lamz, May 2011 through May 2012.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Corson, Stone, Barzso, Dockus and Siewierski
Nay: None
Absent: Trustees Lanning
5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

Mayor Seyller presented Mr. Dennis Medema for re-appointment as Chief of Police. Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded the motion to re-appoint Chief Medema, May 2011 through May 2012.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Corson, Stone, Barzso, Dockus and Siewierski
Nay: None
Absent: Trustees Lanning
5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

Mayor Seyller presented Mr. Brad Lawson and Mr. Chad Bergeson (Terms to expire May 2014) for re-appointment to the Planning Commission.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Corson, Stone, Barzso, Dockus and Siewierski
Nay: None
Absent: Trustees Lanning
5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Government Offices and Uses (250 S. Halwood St.)

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Government Offices and Uses (250 S. Halwood St.)

Discussion ensued with consensus of the board achieved to amend the proposed ordinance, Section One, to eliminate the word perimeter and insert open storage area and remove "and to keep the open storage yard out of direct view from the adjoining streets"

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Siewierski, Stone, Barzso, Dockus and Corson
Nay: None

Absent: Trustees Lanning
5-yea; 0-nay; 1-absent; motion carried.

Ord 2011-10

Approve a Professional Agreement with Jacob & Klein, LTD

Removed from Agenda

Liaison Reports

Trustee Stone reported that movie night is July 15. They will be showing the movie "Yogi." The next movie night is July 15. Cortland Fest is August 12 & 13 with Back Country Road (band) playing on Friday night. The garage sale donation to the Parade & Festival is \$282.

The sewer treatment plant – found one of the two rood style blower pumps expelling a tremendous amount of oil and working at a high temperature. A determination will be made if the pump can be repaired. The plan was to keep the two running on a rotating basis. We are now working with one. There are bubbles in the liner; we are waiting for Fehr-Graham to locate a vendor to provide a remediation plan.

Next meeting of the Planning Commission is June 6.

President's Report

Mayor Seyller discussed the make-up of the liaisons with the Town Administrator and suggested that the liaison approach to departments may not be the best approach. The suggestion was to let department heads speak to trustees, and encourage trustees to get to know and build a relationship with department heads.

Memorial Day Breakfast on May 30, 6:45 a.m. at Carl's Fargo. Reservations will be made.

The contractors for Dollar General are expecting to turn the Dollar General store over June 30 with a grand opening planned July 15.

Concerns / Comments

Trustees Barzso and Dockus expressed that they would like to see the newsletter remain as a mailing. Mayor Seyller stated that he, too, would like to see the newsletter continue to be mailed.

Trustee Barzso asked if the sign at Montalbano will be taken down as they are no longer in business. Mr. Magdziarz said bankruptcy trustees have frozen the assets that do not belong to Montalbano. An emergency motion has been filed in an attempt to release those monies. There has been vandalism of streetlights and the lift station.

Mr. Magdziarz also said the walking path (NeuCort Lakes) "Hold Harmless Agreement" has not been signed and we cannot move forward with the walking path until then.

Trustee Barzso said the corn spilling out from the bin (Somonauk Rd.) is unsightly. She asked what the limit of tree branches, shrubs, etc, is on any property, specifically residential.

Trustee Stone said there is debris blowing out of Alexander Lumber. Mr. Magdziarz said it has been picked up.

Trustee Siewierski expressed concern regarding the position of no committees. He feels that information does not get to trustees. Trustees need to get information in a clear manner, it needs to be structured, centered and fixed. Mr. Magdziarz said that his observation has been that the elected officials do the work. Over time the Town has added staff to do specialized operations and functions. The real nitty-gritty is getting done and the board morphed into policy makers.

Trustee Dockus stated that Robinson Ave. street sign is spelled wrong. Mr. Magdziarz said it is not a permanent sign and that Kevin [Dahl] needs to place street signs and traffic signs properly. Trustee Dockus has signed up for the Newly Elected Officials meeting in June. Trustee Dockus would like to have the auditors come and talk to the board regarding financial oversight and segregation of duties.

Adjournment

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk