

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Committee/Business Meeting
May 28, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Mayor Stokes and Trustees Susan Dockus, Chuck Lanning, Brad Stone (absent for roll call, arrived at 7:06), Ben Haier, Sandra Barzso and Mike Siewierski. A quorum was present. Other officials present were Treasurer Mark Davenport, Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Superintendent Water/Wastewater Joel Summerhill, Director Streets & Maintenance John Kocher, Chief of Police Dennis Medema, Engineer Noah Carmichael, and Attorney Kevin Buick.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Wishing to Speak

There was no one present wishing to speak.

Employee Health Insurance Plan Presentation – Mr. Brian Jablonski, Linden Group Health Services

Mr. Brian Jablonski with the Linden Group Health Services was present to discuss the Town's health insurance options. Mr. Jablonski met with Mayor Stokes and Town staff last week to go through plan options. Mr. Jablonski presented what he and Town staff felt was the Town's best option. The current Humana PPO Plan with the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) has proven to save the Town money over previous year. Mr. Jablonski presented a renewal option plan with a \$3,000/9,000 annual deductible while continuing to use the HRA to offset deductible costs to employee.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda.

Town Board minutes of April 22, April 29 (Special Meeting) and May 13, 2013

Treasurer's Reports of June 2012 through April 2013

Expenditure Reports of June 2012 through April 2013

Accept Parade & Festival minutes of September 25 and October 11, 2012 and March 19, 2013

Accept Library Board minutes for January 16, February 20 and March 20, 2013

Trustee Dockus moved to approve Consent Agenda as amended to remove Treasurer's Reports and Expenditure Reports to Unfinished Business item d and with corrected scrivener's errors in Town Board minutes corrected. Seconded by Trustee Lanning.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Stone, Siewierski, Barzso, Haier and Dockus

Nays: None

Absent: None

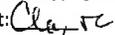
Motion carried.

Appointments: Chief of Police and Town Treasurer

Mayor Stokes presented Mr. Dennis Medema for appointment as Chief of Police.

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve appointment for Chief of Police.

Approved: June 24, 2013

Attest: 

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Stone, Siewierski, Barzso, Haier and Dockus
Nays: None
Absent: None Motion carried.

Clerk Aldis administered the Oath of Office to Chief Medema.

Mayor Stokes presented Mr. Mark Davenport for appointment as Town Treasurer. Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve appointment for Town Treasurer.

Ayes: Trustees Haier, Dockus, Siewierski, Stone, Barzso and Lanning
Nays: None
Absent: None Motion carried.

Clerk Aldis administered the Oath of Office to Treasurer Davenport.

Department Reports

Department Heads were present to answer any questions. Chief Medema expects that the new computer system (OSSI) will be in full operation after training June 11 through June 14. Director of Streets and Maintenance John Kocher thanked Mayor Stokes for helping Streets and Maintenance Department with mowing.

Corporate Banking Resolutions

Trustee Dockus suggested postponing any action until suggested changes could be made. Resolutions will be brought forward at the June 10 meeting.

FY11 and FY12 Audits

Treasurer Davenport reported that he and Trustee Dockus are talking with Brian LeFevre of Sikich LLP and they are expecting some amendments to the Audits, but they are not ready at this time. FY11 and FY12 Audit amendments will be brought forward when they are ready.

Treasurer and Expenditure Reports

Treasurer and Expenditure Reports for June 2012 through April 2013 were discussed and action was postponed until corrections or changes are made.

Fehr Graham Proposal for Professional Services for Elm Street Drainage Improvements.

Engineer Noah Carmichael presented the proposal. The proposal is for Professional Services that consist of investigating and designing an engineering solution to the drainage issues located at the west terminus of Elm Street. Mr. Carmichael explained that this is an ongoing problem and has been discussed many times with the Town Board. When it rains the west side of Elm Street floods, and doing this study will help ascertain how water gets there and where the exit points are.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to not exceed \$7,000 for the Professional Services Proposal for Elm Street Drainage Improvements with funds to come from Capital Improvement Fund.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Stone, Siewierski, Barzso, Haier and Dockus
Nays: None
Absent: None Motion carried.

Approve Humana Employee Health Care Proposal July 2013 through June 2014

Treasurer Davenport recommended that the Town Board approve the Renewal Option presented by Brain Jablonski with a \$3,000/\$9,000 annual deductible while continuing to use the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) to offset the deductible costs to employees.

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve recommended renewal option.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Lanning, Stone, Siewierski, Barzso, Haier and Dockus
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried.

Comments/Concerns

Trustee Lanning reported that with the Mayor's go-ahead he and Trustee Stone are working with Coward Electric and ComEd to have electric in Cortland Community Park. Treasurer Davenport has been instrumental in working with ComEd to help make this happen. Approximate cost known at this time is \$8,000. When generators have been used it costs the approximately \$600 per year.

Trustee Barzso expressed concerns again about garbage collecting on the west side of her fence. Mayor Stokes will talk with Alexander Lumber regarding cleaning the area.

Trustee Siewierski mentioned that weeds on a dirt pile in Nature's Crossing need to be dealt with.

Trustee Haier stated that he is happy to be serving on the Board and is looking forward to participating.

President's Report

Mayor Stokes reported that he and department heads have met with Verizon Wireless to discuss changing cell phone service providers. It has come to his attention that the current provider's service has not been adequate. Staff has met with B & F Technical Code Services to discuss procedures and protocol to try to streamline the permit process. Besides B & F he has met with DeKalb County Visitors and Tourism Bureau. He and Clerk Aldis attended the Mayor's Memorial Day breakfast as well as the Northern Illinois Mayors' Association meeting held in Rochelle.

Mayor Stokes has invited Attorney Stewart Diamond to the June 10 meeting to discuss with the Town Board and residents what the current state of affairs is with development issues, and what the possible Board options are in Richland Trails Subdivision.

Adjournment

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk