

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Committee/Business Meeting
June 24, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Mayor Stokes and Trustees Susan Dockus, Chuck Lanning (absent for roll call and consent agenda motion, arrived 7:08), Brad Stone, and Sandra Barzso. Absent were Ben Haier 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 Terri Heitkamp, Attorney Stewart Diamond and Attorney Kevin Buick.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Barzso 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.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda.

Town Board minutes of and May 28 and June 10, 2013

An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates for 2013

ORD. No. 2013-07

An Application for Noise Variance of Town Code 2013 Summer Fest

M 2013-01

An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Class E Liquor license

ORD NO. 2013-08

Town 2013 Summer Fest

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Barzso seconded a motion to approve Consent Agenda with scrivener's errors in Town Board minutes corrected.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Trustees Stone, Barzso, Dockus and Mayor Stokes

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Lanning, Siewierski and Haier

Motion carried.

SSA Tax Sale in Error Discussion

There have been several properties in Cortland that were sold for taxes, some of the properties now have judge's orders allowing for Sales in Error.] Attorney Stewart Diamond was present to explain how property tax sales work. If a real estate owner does not pay the required taxes on a property, the county will offer the property taxes up for sale to the highest bidder to help generate the lost tax income. The county sells its right to the tax lien on the real estate property, allowing the buyer to bid on the tax debt for a favorable return on investment. If a judge determines that a property was sold in error the county treasurer shall, on demand of the owner of the certificate of purchase, refund the amount paid and cancel the certificate so far as it relates to the property. The county collector shall deduct from the accounts of the appropriate taxing bodies their pro rata amounts paid. In the Town's situation the sale in error was granted to the tax sales purchaser of properties and monies were paid to the trustees of the SSA bond.

State law makes a distinction on SSA funds, and therefore a motion to appear before a judge to argue that basically in case of a sale in error there is no doubt that the money should be paid back, not from property taxes, from the SSA funds.

Department Head Reports

Department Head Reports were in the packet for review and discussion. No questions were asked and Department heads were excused.

Treasurer and Expenditure Reports

Treasurer Davenport reported that he had Treasurer and Expenditure Reports in the packet and explained that the police fines for August are shown in General Fund, but not the sub-fund for Police Department. Mr. Davenport said that he would report the corrections in the October 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer and Expenditure Reports for May, June, July and August, 2012 (noting that the Police Fines miss categorization and scrivener's errors are to be shown as corrected in the October 2012 Treasurer's Report) and approve the September Treasurer and Expenditure Reports.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

2013 MFT Resolution

Mr. Heitkamp from Fehr-Graham was available for questions.

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Barzso seconded the motion to approve 2013 MFT Resolution. Trustee Dockus expressed concern regarding spending all of the monies that Town could receive. She did not believe that spending beyond the FY14 budget was possible. Mr. Heitkamp explained that that by the end of April 2014 the Town would have \$125,000 to spend on MFT and Engineering costs are included in the \$125,000, and the request could be downsized and extended payment agreements could be made if the funds are expected. Mr. Heitkamp said that he expects the costs to be closer to \$110,000 but estimated higher in anticipation of rising material costs.

Roll call vote:

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

RES. No. R 2013-05
Motion carried.

Corporate Banking Resolutions

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded the motion to approve Corporate Banking Resolutions for U.S. Bank-Illinois Funds, American Midwest Bank and Resource Bank.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Resource Bank
US Bank – Illinois Funds

RES. No. R 2013-01
RES. No. R 2013-02
RES. No. R 2013-03
RES. No. R 2013-04

American Midwest Bank

Comments and Concerns

Trustee Dockus would like a workshop on how to use the new IPADS.

Trustee Stone reported that stages for Summer Fest are being built with materials purchased from Lowes, and they were given a very good price for the materials. The power for electric into the park is being worked on.

President's Report

Eagle Scout applicant Seth Pinne has approached Mayor Stokes about an Eagle Scout project that could involve tentative improvements at Welsh Park. He will be here on July 22 to present his project. Mr. Caravelli met with Mayor Stokes and Clerk Aldis to discuss progress in his (Mr. Caravelli's) development. He is working with his bank and hopes to keep moving forward. Mayor Stokes is talking with Dan Kenny with the Cortland Community Garden Project regarding water tank transport. He will be meeting with Mr. Summerhill to discuss watering issues. The garden has raised over 300 pounds of produce that is distributed to food pantries in DeKalb County. Mayor Stokes expects that he and Clerk Aldis will be meeting with Maple Park Mayor in the near future to re-establish conversation discussing boundary agreement. Trustee Lanning has led the introduction and paved the way for a meeting to occur.

A workshop meeting date was scheduled for July 15 to discuss zoning administration issues.

Clerk Aldis stated that the Town Board can expect another amendment to the Annexation Agreement Amendment as Mr. Caravelli is purchasing Lot 109 that he would like included in the development plan.

Adjournment

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Barzso seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk