TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Business Meeting
September 23, 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, Brad Stone, Ben Haier, Chuck Lanning and Mike Siewierski. Trustee Sandra Barzso was absent. 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, 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
Mr. James Weber asked about a vacant property on West and Chestnut. Mayor Stokes said that at this time maintenance issues are being addressed by the Town's building inspection company. If the property is not brought up to code, condemnation process will take place.

Consent Agenda
Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda.
Approve Town Board minutes of August 26 and September 9, 2013
Accept Parade and Festival minutes of August 20, 2013

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the agenda and allow for any scriveners errors to be corrected in the minutes. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

New Business
Approve Purchase of a 4WD Kubota Tractor with Cold Weather Cab
Trustee Dockus pointed out that this purchase was not in the budget so a budget amendment will be necessary. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to postpone consideration until next Town Board meeting so financing can be arranged.

Maple Park Boundary Agreement
Mayor Stokes has been meeting with Maple Park Mayor Kathy Curtis, Maple Park Clerk Liz Peerboom and Cortland Clerk Cheryl Aldis to discuss a Boundary Agreement. Mayor Stokes reported that there is a spirit of cooperation. Mayor Stokes explained that it is important that an Agreement is reached so there is no question of jurisdiction during future growth. Boundary Agreements expire after 20 years, but can be amended. A map depicting the boundary line was presented with the center of Hinckley Rd. being the division line.

Attorney Buick explained that he represents Maple Park as well as Cortland and he would like for the Board to be aware of this and give their consent.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to consent to and accept a conflict of interest of Attorney Kevin Buick in terms of representing both Cortland and Maple Park in preparing the Intergovernmental Boundary Agreement. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

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Department Head Reports
Police Chief Medema was present to answer any questions. No one had questions for Chief Medema. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Joel Summerhill was present to answer questions. Trustee Lanning asked if Mr. Summerhill has received a price to increase a water main pipe. Mr. Summerhill said he will have information to him soon. Trustee Stone asked if the Outboard Marine Service Company [no longer in business] has asked about connecting to Town water. Mr. Summerhill said he has talked with them, but no one has gotten back to him. Trustee Lanning asked what the standard height is for a b-box. Mr. Summerhill said you just want to make sure that it can't be hit by a lawn mower. Trustee Lanning gave an address of a resident that asked about this. Mr. Summerhill will take a look at the b-box on the property in question.

Comments and Concerns
Trustee Ben Haier said he has the week of October 14 off of work, and he would like to take that time to meet with the Mayor and visit Town departments to see their operations. Mayor Stokes will gladly meet with Mr. Haier and show him Town facilities. Trustee Stone said that he has heard positive remarks on how quickly this administration has been able to get positive results on improvements in Richland Trails. Trustee Dockus asked Treasurer Davenport about Treasurer Reports he said he would have them ready for next meeting. Trustee Lanning asked about the DeLaine Mullis Outstanding Citizenship Award and was told that the information is on the Town's website but no candidates have been suggested.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes reported that besides meetings with Maple Park, he met the Planning Commission members. He is looking forward to working with Planning Commission Chair Bard Lawson and members of the Planning Commission. There are openings on the Planning Commission. Applications are on the Town's website for anyone interested. He has met with Brandy Williams from Fehr-Graham and Trustee Lanning regarding flooding issues on Elm Street. We do not have necessary easements on properties we would need to access to mitigate the problems, and our options are very costly. In Richland Trails, a final layer of blacktop was added after replacements were made to the base layer, curbs have been repaired, backfill and road paint are still needed.

Adjournment
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierki seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Nielsen
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Deputy Clerk

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Approved: October 28, 2013
Attest: Cla, JC