

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Business Meeting  
**Monday**  
**February 10, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Mayor Stokes and Trustees Ben Haier, Susan Dockus, Mike Siewierski, Trustee Lanning. Trustee Sandra Barzso was absent. A quorum was present. Also present was Attorney Kevin Buick.

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Stone 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.

**Comments and Concerns**

None

**Mayor's Report on Removal of Appointed Treasurer with reasons why interests of municipality require removal in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-10.**

Attorney Kevin Buick read the Statute that applies to removal of an officer: Except where otherwise provided by statute, the mayor or president may remove any officer appointed by the mayor or president under this Code, on any written charge, whenever the mayor or president is of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand removal. The mayor or president shall report the reasons for the removal to the corporate authorities at a meeting to be held not less than 5 nor more than 10 days after the removal. If the mayor or president fails or refuses to report to the corporate authorities the reasons for the removal, or if the corporate authorities by a two-thirds vote of all members authorized by law to be elected disapprove of the removal, the officer thereupon shall be restored to the office from which the officer was removed.

Mayor Stokes read the following statement: Statutes require a Mayor or President to report the reasons for the removal of a Town Officer of the Corporate Authorities at a meeting to be held not less than five nor more than ten days after removal. On January 31, 2014, I removed Mark Davenport from the office of Town Treasurer. I am of the opinion that the interests of the municipality demand this removal.

Mayor Stokes read the charges associated with the removal of Mr. Davenport from the office of Treasurer. [Document of charges was submitted to the table.]

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

After reading the charges, Mayor Stokes stated that he believes Mr. Davenport to be a person of integrity and was sorry that this process must, by law, play out in public. Based on a review by Lauterbach and Amen it does not appear that there was any malfeasance or financial self-dealing associated with the items of concern. The nature of the problems and deficiencies revealed by the review of the Town auditors convinced him that in order to protect the interests of the Town he had no choice but to remove Mr. Davenport from office.

There was no motion by the corporate authorities to disapprove of Treasurer's removal.

**Appointment of Interim Treasurer for Balance of Fiscal Year**

No appointment will be made at this time; Lauterbach & Amen, LLP will continue on as consultants.

**Approve Amended Corporate Authorization Resolution for the Following Banks: Resource Bank, USA Bank (Illinois Funds), and American Midwest Bank**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Chuck Lanning seconded a motion to remove Mr. Davenport from all bank resolutions and add Rita Nielsen and Susan Dockus as check signers. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Resource Bank	R2014-01
USA Bank (Illinois Funds)	R2014-02 and R2014-03
American Midwest Bank	R2014-04

**Comments/Concerns**

Several Trustees thanked Mayor Stokes for hosting an appreciation dinner. Trustee Siewierski and several others commented on what a nice job the Streets Department has done plowing Town streets.

Mayor Stokes reported that Officer Kim Everhart has resigned as a police officer and Keith Rominski will be filling the position (going from part-time to full-time).

**Adjournment**

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_