

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Town Board Meeting  
**October 27, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Stokes called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Mayor Russ Stokes, Trustees Susan Dockus, Mike Siewierski, Ben Haier, Brad Stone, and Doug Corson. A quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Engineer Brandy Williams, Water-Wastewater Superintendent Joel Summerhill, Public Works Director John Kocher, Police Chief Gary Spangler, and Attorney Kevin Buick. Trustee Chuck Lanning arrived at 7:37.

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Haier moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice carried the motion.

**Public Wishing to Speak**

There was no one wishing to speak.

**Consent Agenda**

Approve Town Board Minutes of September 22, & October 6, 2014  
Approve June 2014 Expenditure Report and June 2014 Treasurer's Report;  
Approve July 2014 Expenditure Report and July 2014 Treasurer's Report;  
Approve August 2014 Expenditure Report August 2014 Treasurer's Report  
Accept Parade & Festival Minutes of October 7, 2014  
Accept Cortland Community Library Minutes of August 20 & September 17, 2014  
Accept MFT Audit/Compliance Report 2012-2013

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record.

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve consent agenda. Roll call vote 5 yeas and 1 absent. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Health Insurance Renewal**

Mr. Brian Jablonski and Ms. Kim Tabler with CBIZ Benefits and Insurance presented to the Town Board a cost analysis comparison for employee health care coverage. Effective renewal date is December 1, 2014. Mr. Jablonski said that he and Ms. Tabler met with Clerk Aldis and Deputy Clerk Nielsen and discussed best options for the Town. Mr. Jablonski explained that due to the Town adopting a high deductible health plan (with an HRA), based on utilization the Town has saved over \$35,000 this past year in premiums, thereby reducing the renewal rates from Humana for next year. Principal Insurance is offering a better rate for dental and life. There will be a savings of \$716.88 per year to the Town if they stay with Humana for health and vision. There is a new benefit included in the health plan called "freshbennies" which allows employees to consult with a doctor over the phone and receive medical advice and a prescription if necessary.

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to accept renewal recommendation to stay with Humana for health and vision and use Principal Insurance for dental and life for the December 1, 2014 renewal date. Roll call vote 5 yeas and 1 absent. Motion carried.



A map of the enterprise zone proposed for DeKalb County was included in Board packet.

Trustee Lanning expressed his concern as to whether or not DeKalb County Economic Development is really looking at bringing businesses to Cortland as, in his opinion; Sycamore and DeKalb seem to be the only municipalities that actually see business growth.

**Amend Job Description for a Police Officer**

Chief Spangler explained that he had a few minor changes to make to the approved job description.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Dockus seconded a motion to approve amendment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Water/Wastewater**

Superintendent Summerhill said the proposed date for the North Avenue lift station to go on line is November 12.

**Police Department**

Chief Spangler is expecting the communication antenna to be installed on Tuesday.

**Engineering**

Ms. Williams reported that the MFT work has been completed for 2014. The water tower painting is completed and Elm Street grading project is underway.

**Public Works**

Director Kocher reported that the property at 85 S. Somonauk has been demolished.

Trustee Siewierski commented that no notifications had gone out that parkway trees were going to be trimmed. He received calls that the trees in the parkway were trimmed too short.

Mayor Stokes reported that the demolition went very smoothly and commended Public Works for a really good job.

**Comments/Concerns**

Trustee Siewierski said there were street lights out at Aspen and Cortland Center Rd. and electronics had been dumped on Aspen Dr. Director Kocher reported that electronics had been picked up.

Trustee Stone reported that the intake for parade funds was \$405 and attendance was up. He thanked everyone who helped with the parade and festival.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Stone and a second by Trustee Haier at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk