TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Town Board Meeting
**May 11, 2015**
**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 Charmaine Fioretto, Mike Siewierski, Ben Haier, Chuck Lanning, Brad Stone, and Doug Corson. A quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Bookkeeper Wes Levy, and Engineer Terri Heitkamp. Attorney Buick arrived at 8:12 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice carried the motion.

**Public Wishing to Speak**
There was no one wishing to speak.

**Unfinished Business**
**Approve FY2015 Budget Amendments**
Mr. Levy was present to answer questions regarding amendments. He stated that adjustments have been made to Restricted Assets Funds as requested by Trustee Dockus at the April 27 meeting. Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve FY2015 Budget Amendments. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

New Business
**2015 MFT Maintenance Agreement – Approve Resolution And Agreement For Maintenance Of Streets And Highway And Authorize Mayor To Execute**
MFT Maintenance Agreement consists of Somonauk Rd. from Rte. 38 to railroad, W Ellen Ave. to W Linda Ave and approximately 500' east of N Somonauk Rd. with approximate total of $116,418.00.

Engineer Heitkamp was available to answer questions. Mayor Stokes asked why we have such a late in the season end date. Engineer Heitkamp stated that if the Town would prefer we could start meeting the beginning of every year in order to have application to IDOT by May 1. If application is in by May 1, work can start the first of June. Trustee Stone had concerns as to why Elm Street is not part of the MFT work being performed. While there have been some options presented to the Town on how to proceed with storm water drainage problems, no plan is in place to make repairs. Engineer Williams will be asked to address this issue. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the IL Highway Code as presented and Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer. Majority roll call vote carried the motion with Trustee Stone voting no.

**A-2015-08**
**Res. 2015-03**

**Chestnut Grove – Approve a Request to Postpone the Appeal of a Violation Hearing for 90 Days**
Chestnut Grove continues to be in violation of is NPDS Permit. They are notified of the violation by the engineers through registered letter. The Town Code allows them to request a postponement of a violation hearing for 90 days. The Town will allow for the postponement while waiting for a ruling from the IEPA and Attorney General who has also sited Chestnut Grove for violations. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve request. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Comments and Concerns**
Trustee Haier asked about mosquito spraying. It was explained that the Town has tried spraying in the past, but did not have good results. It was also very expensive.

Mayor Stokes reported that the issue of having one waste hauler in Town will be on the agenda for June 8. Mayor Stokes asked that everyone come with ideas on what they would like to see. This will be a workshop style meeting with ideas being presented.

Mayor Stokes read a Certificate of Recognition that was presented to the Town by the State of Illinois House of Representatives recognizing the Towns 150th Anniversary.

The 2015 Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast will be held on Monday, May 25 at the Elk's DeKalb Lodge.

We are planning on having an Open House for all Town facilities on June 20 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The fire department will also participate in the Open House.

At 7:35 a five minute break was called on a motion from Trustee Lanning and a second by Trustee Fioretto. The motion was approved.

Executive Session
Mayor Stokes asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)) and to discuss Purchase or Lease of Property for the Use of the Public Body (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)) and to Review Minutes of Previous Closed Session (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)) to Include the Full Board, the Mayor, the Town Clerk, the Deputy Clerk, and the Town Attorney.

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Trustee Fioretto and seconded by Trustee Corson. Unanimous roll call carried the motion.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m. on a unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Siewierski and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve Executive Session minutes of April 27, 2015. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

A consensus was unanimous to allow the Mayor to move forward with an offer to purchase property.

Mayor Stokes announced that the Town Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 will be cancelled.

**Adjournment**
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

Approved:
Attest: _____