TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Town Board Meeting
**April 27, 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 Susan Dockus, Mike Siewierski, Ben Haier, Chuck Lanning, Trustee Stone, and Doug Corson. A quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Water-Wastewater Director Joel Summerhill, Public Works Director John Kocher, Police Chief Gary Spangler, Bookkeeper Wes Levy, and Attorney Tim Conklin.

**Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Siewierski 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.

**Consent Agenda**
Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record.

a. Approve Town Board Minutes of March 23 and April 13, 2015
b. Accept Minutes for March 3, 2015 Festival and Parade committee
c. Approve March 2015 Expenditure and March 2015 Treasurer's Report

Trustee Dockus moved to approve Consent Agenda with removing item c to Unfinished Business. Trustee Stone seconded the motion. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. Roll call vote carried the motion.

**Proclamation**
Mayor Stokes read a Proclamation dedicating May 3, 2015 through May 9, 2015 Municipal Clerks Week.

**Executive Session**
Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to review executive session minutes (exception to the Open Meetings Act, 5, ILCS 1201.2(c) (21) to include, the mayor, trustees, clerk, deputy clerk, and town attorney. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

**Reconvene to Regular Session**
Roll call was taken by deputy clerk at 7:20 p.m. All trustees remained present.

**Approve and Release Minutes from Executive Session**
Trustee Haier moved to approve executive session minutes for March 13, 2-12, May 14, 2012, August 12, 2012, November 26, 2012, January 28, 2013, March 11, 2013, August 12, 2013, September 8, 2013, October 15, 2013, and December 9, 2013. Trustee Siewierski seconded the motion. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Trustee Haier moved to open the following executive session minutes for November 13, 2007, January 14, 2008, March 16, 2009 (redacted portion), December 13, 2010, March 8, 2010, June 14, 2010, June 28, 2010, September 13, 2010, and May 14, 2012. Trustee Corson seconded the motion. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Unfinished Business**
**Approve Amendments to FY`15 Budget for the Town**
Mr. Levy presented the amendments. Trustee Dockus asked questions relating to Restricted Assets. Mr. Levy agreed to make the following changes:

1. Revise Restricted Assets line item, Cap Outlay Public Works from 28,000 to 21,000
2. Revise Restricted Assets line item, Cap Outlay Police Facility from 27,000 to 4,000
3. No other proposed budget amendments are to be revised, but a journal entry will be made to move actual expenditures from Restricted Assets to the Capital Improvement fund for the amounts over and above the amended budget figures within the two lines in Restricted Assets.

Trustee Dockus moved to postpone approval until changes are made. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Approve FY16 Town Board Budget for Town and Library**
Trustee Dockus moved to approve the FY16 Budget for the Town and Library. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Approve Treasurer and Expenditure Report for March 2015**
Trustee Dockus asked Mr. Levy a question regarding restricted assets and was satisfied with response. Trustee Dockus moved to approve Treasurer and Expenditure reports for March 2015. Trustee Lanning seconded the motion. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Department Reports**
Director Summerhill, Police Chief Spangler, and Director Kocher were available to ask questions. Director Summerhill provided Trustee Haier information on researching water testing results for municipalities on the IEPA website. Trustee Haier asked about a fallen street sign on Llanos St. and Robinson Ave. Director Kocher will check on this.

Trustee Lanning thanked Joel Summerhill and John Kocher for helping Jeff Lemke prepare the walkway at Suppeland Park for the Veteran's memorial.

**Adjourn Sin Die**
Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to adjourn and take a five minute break. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**Swearing in of Newly Elected Trustees at 7:43 p.m.**
Clerk Aldis swore in the following trustees that were elected to the Town Board on April 7, 2015: Doug Corson with his term to expire April 2019, Charmaine Fioretto with her term to expire April 2019, Trustee Chuck Lanning with his term to expire April 2017, and Brad Stone with his term to expire April 2019.

**Call Meeting to Order**
Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. 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.

**New Business**
Mayor Stokes presented the following names for re-appointment to the Town Planning Commission: Chad Bergeson with his term to expire April 2019, Frank Turza with his term to expire April 2018, and Brad Lawson with his term to expire April 2019.

Trustee Haier moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to accept and approve the re-appointments. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Approve Northern Illinois Service Co. to Perform Demolition for 86 S. Somonauk Rd.**
Mayor Stokes explained that in anticipation of the court ordered demolition at 86 S. Somonauk Rd. the Town completed a Request for Proposal for the demolition work. Bids were opened at 3:00 p.m. on April 10, 2015 at the Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Rd.

ICCI is recommending Northern Illinois Service Co. to perform the Demolition work for the proposed amount of $13,700.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve Northern Illinois Service Co. Majority roll call vote carried the motion with Trustee Stone voting no. **C-2015-04**

**Ordinance Amendments**
**Amend Town Code 1-6-5C & 1-6-6 Relating to Zoning Hearing Officer**
The purpose of amending this code is so that the Town Code does not take into consideration contracted personnel as it relates to compensation schedules and a schedule of fees shall be established to defray the costs of a hearing officer.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to amend the code. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. **ORD. NO. 2015-08**

**Amend 1-8-2 B3 Relating to Water Penalty**
The purpose of amending this code is to change the current language whereby penalties are added to accounts not paid by the last business day of the month they are due. The new language states that penalties will be added to accounts not paid by the 25th of the month they are due. **ORD. NO. 2015-09**

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to amend the code. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Approve a Contract with Attorney Jeff Lewis as the Hearing Officer for Zoning Matters in the Town of Cortland**
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the contract. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. **C-2015-05**

**Comments/Concerns**
All Trustees expressed their thanks and appreciation to Trustee Susan Dockus for her years of service to the Town and Town Board and let her know that she will be missed. Trustee Fioretto expressed her excitement on being elected to the Board. She is looking forward to being a part of the Town Board. Trustee Stone reported that the Magic Show was well attended and that everyone had a great time; parents and children.

**President's Report**
Mayor Stokes welcomed the new and returning trustees to the Board and again thanked Susan Dockus for her years of service.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Haier and a second by Trustee Fioretto. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

Approved:
Attest: _____