TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Town Board Meeting
**Monday**
**June 8, 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 Clerk Cheryl Aldis. 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 was Attorney Kevin Buick

**Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Siewierski moved and Fioretto seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended to move New Business ahead of Unfinished Business. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Public Wishing to Speak**
Susan Christianson and Jean Curley were present and advocating for landscape pick up. They stated If not curbside pickup they would like to have a dumpster opportunity. They would like this to be an option for residents, not a requirement.

**Consent Agenda**
Clerk Aldis read the Consent Agenda into the record.

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| Approve Application for Noise Variance for 2015 Summer Fest | **M 2015-01** |
| Approve Class E Liquor License for 2015 Summer Fest | **ORD NO. 2015-10** |
| Approve an Ordinance Adopting June 2015 Prevailing Wage | **ORD NO. 2015-11** |
| Accept 2014-2015 Cortland Community Library Report | |

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**
**Approve Zoning Variations property at 575 N Longmeadow Street.**
**Motion to accept hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation**
**An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variation for Property Located at 575 N Longmeadow St**
Mayor Stokes introduced Anna Kurtzman, Zoning Administrator to the Board. Ms. Kurtzman reviewed the process of a zoning amendment asked if there were questions.
Trustee Fioretto reported that she lives next door to the property in question. Her question relates to the packet information. It states there should be an updated plat of survey to include the relocation of the shed. She stated she would like to see this prior to approval. She has issues with regard to a bus stop being on the corner and a six foot fence blocking the view of waiting children and there is no stop sign at the location.

Ms. Kurtzman reported that the shed application has been submitted showing it being located at an alternate location; the relocation does meet the ten foot (10') requirement from the house. They have shown that it will be at least five feet from the west property line and at least ten (10') from the northeast corner of the house. That application does qualify for zoning approval.

With regard to the fence the applicant provided all required documentation, the public hearing was held, the hearing officer conducted the hearing and provided the findings of fact and a recommendation with a condition that the six-foot high fence shall not encroach upon the side yards, either to the north or the south

any further than the dimensions shown on the proposed Site Plan attached to the application. With regard to the stop sign she reported this is not a zoning issue but a Public Works discussion.

Trustee Fioretto moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to accept the hearing officer's findings of fact. Motion carried.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variation For Property Located At 575 N Longmeadow St., Cortland, IL.
Roll call vote:

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| Ayes: | Trustees Stone, Lanning Siewierski, Fioretto and Corson | | |
| Nays: | None | | |
| Absent: | None | | |
| Abstain: | Trustee Haier | motion carried. | **ORD NO. 2015 12** |

Attorney Buick instructed the Board that abstentions are lawful and should be sparingly deployed and when there is a conflict of interest. Conflicts of interest generally imply financial interest in the circumstances.

**Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action**
**Discussion regarding residential trash pick up**
Trustee Siewierski remarked there are so many trucks coming through the town they are tearing up the streets. This discussion will attempt to get to one vendor and make the service cheaper for everyone and hopefully get the services the residents are requesting. Mayor Stokes distributed other municipal trash contracts and/or ordinances that have been obtained for reference.
Why would the Board wish to pursue this discussion?

| Pros | Cons |
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| Reduce the amount of truck traffic on residential streets | Survey results were not in favor of one trash hauler |
| Eliminate trash at the curbs 4 days per week | Customers appear to be happy with their personal choices – Freedom of Choice |
| Require recycling and landscape pickup | Fixed income residents may not be able to pay for this service (currently some have shared accounts) |

Would a resident have an opportunity to opt-out?
The mayor asked about licensing – waste hauler fees etc.
The next discussion will be June 22.

Comments/Concerns
Trustee Fioretto would like to try to get a stop sign at the end of Prairiefield. She asked if there is anything that can be done regarding maintenance of the park in Richland Trails. She was informed the park maintenance is a function of the Homeowners Association.

Trustee Haier asked whatever came of emails regarding the tot park at Nature's Crossing. Mayor Stokes reported that he had met with residents. The issue is quiet at this time. Mr. Haier reported that the McPhillips Park basketball courts are looking rough. He asked if it would it be possible to seal the courts to maintain them and reline the base and hoops.

Trustee Lanning reported a company policy of Dollar General is that they no longer allow public display of posters and flyers. He announced that August 1 is the dedication for the veteran's memorial at Suppeland Park. The new town flag displayed in the Town Hall will be the same as the one that will be flying at Suppeland Park.

**President Report**
Mayor Stokes reported that each year the company that built well #4 asks to bring guests for a tour of the facility. In the past they have brought people and then they cut a check of donation to the Town for the department. This year they brought many more people and Joel mentioned that the monies will be put toward the veteran's memorial. As a result of that comment, apparently the company made it known that this was being done. They are/will be requesting a photo opportunity and a check presentation.

**Closed Session**
Trustee Stone moved to adjourn to Closed Session 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)) to Include the Full Board, Mayor, Town Clerk, and Attorney Buick; seconded by Trustee Lanning. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. 8:24 p.m.

**Reconvene Regular Session**
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to reconvene the regular Board meeting. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. 8:41 p.m.

**Possible action per closed session discussion.**
Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to authorize Mayor Stokes to pursue the purchase of the property identified in closed session under the terms discussed in closed session. Unanimous roll call carried the motion.

**Adjournment**
Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk