TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Tuesday,
October 13, 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, and Chuck Lanning. Trustees Doug Corson and Brad Stone were absent. A quorum was present. Attorney Kevin Buick was also present.

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Fioretto 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.

New Business
Approve an Ordinance to Dispose of Unclaimed Property (Bicycles)
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded the motion to approve an Ordinance to Dispose of Unclaimed Property (bicycles). Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. **Ord. No. 2015-15**

Discussion regarding Business Licenses
Mayor Stokes explained that the Town Code does allow for the Town to require businesses to apply for a business license, however, it has not been required. Mayor Stokes would like to see it become a requirement at this time. The Town has been working on its Emergency Operations Plan and needs to know who the key holder is, and what, if any, chemicals might be stored on the property. His plan is for all business to be notified before the end of the year that a business license is required. This will also provide the Town the ability to keep businesses that are not legitimate out of Town.

Attorney Buick reviewed the code and confirmed that it is in order and that it would fall to Town administration to move forward.

Trustees agreed that licensing has become necessary.

Discussion Regarding Residential Trash Pick-Up
Trustees reviewed latest Request for Proposal and agreed that the additional insurance requirements were acceptable. The consensus of Trustees was to bring the RFP forward to the Town Board meeting on October 26 for action.

Comments and Concerns
Trustee Fioretto asked about striping the Town's portion of Barber Green Rd. Mayor Stokes will discuss this with Mr. Kocher.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes thanked the parade and festival committee for doing such a great job. He was disappointed in the small number of organizations and neighborhood entities that turned out for the time-capsule burial.

The DeKalb County Builders Association has asked to speak at the first meeting in November. Mayor Stokes agreed.

A business in the Industrial area has been leaving work vehicles and trailers parked on Ellwalk Avenue that is causing problems for traffic and a potential safety hazard for emergency vehicles. On the Mayor's authority, Chief Dargis has posted no parking signs along the west side of the road and has had several discussions with the owner who has not been cooperative in the Chief's efforts to clear the street. Mayor Stokes and Chief Dargis would like Stephanie Road, Ellwalk Avenue, and Halwood Street to become a no parking zone between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The consensus of the Board was to agree with this proposal. An ordinance will be prepared and brought forward for approval at the October 26 Town Board meeting.

During this discussion a question regarding town-wide parking restrictions was mentioned, the consensus was to start with streets in this industrial area only.

Mayor Stokes and Trustee Lanning would like to honor Cody Owen, a Cortland resident, who at age 24 passed away from medical complications due to his battle with cancer. Cody accomplished so much in his short life, including becoming an Eagle Scout at age 15. He was very active in this community and so well liked by everyone who knew him. It is for his many accomplishments that at the first board meeting in December a proclamation honoring Cody will be presented, and the Scouting Bridge at Cortland Community Park will be dedicated to his memory.

Special Meeting
A Special Meeting of the Town Board will be held on Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment
Trustee Haier moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk