TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
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Cortland, IL 60112

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Tuesday,
January 11, 2016
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, Brad Stone and Chuck Lanning. Trustees Doug Corson was absent. A quorum was present. Chief Dargis, Director Joel Summerhill and Attorney Kevin Buick was also present.

Approval of Agenda
Mayor Stokes requested an agenda amendment to include an additional Public Wishing to Speak before the review of RFP's.

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to amend the agenda. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

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

New Business
Electric Aggregation Renewal – Town's Water/Sewer Facilities
Progressive Energy and Town Staff are recommending that the Town enter into a 36 month contract with Constellation Energy Services for an "All Inclusive" fixed rate of $0.05176 beginning February 2016 and ending February 2019. Mr. William McMahon and Mr. Shawn Ajazi were available to answer questions.

Attorney Buick, referring to the contract, stated that this is a standard contract most often used for business. Attorney Buick asked Mr. Ajazi to recommend contract changes to Paragraph 16 as municipalities are subject to Freedom of Information Act laws. Also, he would like to see Paragraph (6 removed as it is not likely the Town's creditworthiness will become unsatisfactory.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to enter into Agreement with Constellation to provide electric aggregation to the Town's Water/Sewer Facilities. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Motion to Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement
Mr. Ajazi will work with Constellation Energy on Paragraphs 6 (Adequate Assurance) and Paragraph 16 (Confidentiality.) He will contact Attorney Buick regarding proposed changes.

Trustee Lanning moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement inclusive of language regarding Paragraph 16 (Confidentiality) and its relation to FOIA, and to negotiate/remove elements of paragraph 6. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Place on File IDOT Compliance Review #59.
Trustee Siewierksi moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to accept IDOT Compliance Review #59. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Discussion Regarding Proposals for Residential Trash Pick-Up
Mayor Stokes asked if there was anyone in the audience (not contractors) who would like to speak or ask any questions regarding this subject. There was no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Stokes asked for Waste Haulers wishing to speak.

There was no one present to represent Advanced Disposal.

DC Trash
Mr. Dan Christensen represented DC Trash. DC Trash has been in business for 2 years. His proposal included 5 year and 10 year contracts for unlimited services. DC Trash is able to provide services for town events. They are able to assist with disaster clean up. They were involved and led the tornado clean-up in Joplin Mo. They are not qualified to remove hazardous waste, but can partner with others to do so. They will pick up one bulk item per week at no charge. Hydraulic leaks, if they happened during pick-up route, will be repaired immediately. DC Trash is registered with IEPA to allow residents to bring items to their facility. New IEPA rules now require a coupon of equal or greater value (for the fee being charged) be given to whoever drops off electronics so they can drop off another item for free. All trash will be picked up whether it's in cart or bagged. Appliances can be picked up at a charge.

Groot
Mr. Josh Mulnar represented Groot. Mr. Mulnar has been a municipal manager for 9 years. Groot is a family owned and operated business with 100 years in Illinois. They currently work in 50 communities and pick up for 250,000 homes. Groot provided an alternative proposal that allows for every other week for recycling pick-up that would save the resident $2.00 per month, dropping their rate to $14.10 per month. Mr. Mulnar encourages contacting references as he believes experience is the key. Trustee Stone noted that they did not add a infrastructure fee. Mr. Mulnar stated that Groot will have a supervisor in town on collection day. Bulk items will only be picked up if driver has help or if item is less than 50 lbs. Customers can call for bulk item pick-up for an additional charge. They are capable of helping with disaster relief. Yard waste is an additional fee.

Northern Illinois Disposal (NID)
Mr. Greg Jury represented NID. NID has been in business since 1965. Rochelle Disposal was purchased four years ago. They currently service 600 homes in this community. They have 16 municipal contracts servicing over 160,000 homes and have plenty equipment to handle this proposal. They currently own and operate 2 landfills. There is a fuel adjustment charge and a CPI increase.

Waste Management
Mr. Vaughn Kirshner represented Waste Management. Waste Management is a national company with a local presence of 40 years, providing reliable and responsible service. Waste Management would accept 250 tons of debris for disaster relief. Waste Management has been a supporter of Town events and projects. There is an additional charge for yard waste pick-up. One day service would be provided. When asked the question on what the expected life extent of the expansion is, Mr. Kishner's responded that it is 44 years.

Mayor Stokes commented that the company's willingness to contribute to administrative costs relating to roadway repairs is important to him. Mayor Stokes stated that he has priced out cape sealing roads and found that it costs approximately $16,000 to cape seal 800-900 feet of roadway.

Comments and Concerns
Trustee Fioretto expressed snow plowing concerns she received from a couple of residents.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes had nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk