

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Tuesday,
March 14, 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. Trustee Doug Corson was absent for roll call (arrived 7:06) A quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Director Joel Summerhill, Director John Kocher, Engineer Brandy Williams, and Attorney Kevin Buick.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Wishing to Speak

There was no one wishing to speak.

New Business

Ms. Williams reported on the Elm Street Repair Project. She stated that one of the options that is under consideration is a pump station that would be placed at the west side of the grain bin entrance. The cost to core the roadway would be considerable but the public works department should be able to accomplish this project. If not, the road would be left in gravel to allow for a better base. Traffic to and from the area will be re-directed. Ms. Williams will have cost analysis to Mr. Kocher in about a week. Mayor Stokes explained that there was money set aside to replace a box culvert on Airport Rd. Mr. Kocher will be meeting with the County bridge inspector to assess its need for repairs. It is possible that the money set aside could be used for this project.

Trustee Corson arrived at 7:06

Sewer Treatment Plant Turbo Blower Project

Director Summerhill explained that the request is the same grant that we apply for every year; however, waiving the bidding process allows us to move quicker in meeting a deadline for the blower to be delivered should the grant be approved and, the shipping time for delivery is eight weeks. There is a short window of opportunity to meet the deadline. A new blower could save the Town about \$1,000 per month in electricity.

Ratification of Mayor's Signature for Application for Clean Water Incentive

Mayor Stokes signed an Application for Clean Water Incentive that had a deadline before the board meeting; the application is part of the Turbo Blower Project.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to Ratify the Mayor's Signature on the application. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Waive Bidding Process To Approve Turbo Blower Purchase Should Grant Become Available

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to waive any required bidding process for a turbo blower if a grant should become available. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve Letter of Engagement – Jacobson & Associates, LTD

Mayor Stokes stated that this Letter of Engagement will enter the Town into a contract with Jacobson & Associates to determine (appraise) the fair market value for 26 lots in Richland Trails.

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement with Jacobson & Associates, LTD. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

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Unfinished Business

Review Contract between the Town and DC Trash

Agreed upon changes from the Town Board meeting of February 22 were added to the agreement that was submitted to the table. The following new changes were discussed and agreed upon:

Add Water Dept. to all references of pick-up at Town locations.

There will be an exhibit to the contract that allows for four-4 units (address to be determined) to be excluded from obligation to utilize services.

(e) pg. 7 line 5, remove the words "once the payments from each UNIT have been received; keep the words "in arrears."

Mr. Christensen will stop in Town Hall to discuss any grammatical errors that will need to be made to the contract.

Attorney Buick's office will prepare a resolution to approve the contract for the March 28 Board meeting consent agenda.

The Ordinance for code amendments will be approved before the July 1 contract date.

Comments and Concerns

Trustee Fioretto discussed her reasons for believing a five year contract with DC Trash would better suit the Town.

Trustee Lanning stated that he understands Trustee Fioretto's concern, but he felt it was important for the Town to support a local business and a 10 year contract will help DC Trash build its business here.

Trustee Siewierski thanked Mayor Stokes for hosting the Town's appreciation dinner. All trustee expressed their support for the dinner as well.

Trustee Stone reported that the Parade & Festival Committee is starting to look for bands for Summerfest.

President's Report

Mayor Stokes stated that his reason for supporting a 10 year contract with DC Trash was also to support a local business that is looking to expand its business in Cortland and thanked Trustee Siewierski for all his work in putting this contract together and negotiating the terms. Mayor Stokes stated that there are several businesses that are interested in relocating to Cortland and he is working with DeKalb County Economic Development and attending meetings to help bring businesses to here.

Adjournment

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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