TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Monday
May 23, 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 Ben Haier, Mike Siewierski, Chuck Lanning, Charmaine Fioretto and Brad Stone. Trustee Doug Corson was absent. Also present, Public Works Director John Kocher, Engineer Brandy Williams, and Chief of Police Lin Dargis.

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

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

Consent Agenda
Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda.
Approve Town Board Minutes for April 25 and May 9, 2016
Accept Festival and Parade Minutes of March 23, 2016

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.
Roll call vote: Unanimous roll call carried the motion.

New Business
Appointment of Planning Commission Members
Mayor Stokes offered a list of appointments and reappointments for Planning Commission Members.
Planning Commission Appointment – Reappointments
Brad Lawson – Term to expire May 2017
Chad Bergeson – Term to expire May 2018
Frank Turza – Term to expire May 2018
Chris Bork – Term to expire May 2019

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

Mr. Brad Lawson, Planning Commission Chair, addressed the board and said he was looking forward to working with the Board of Trustees and looking forward to having a meeting of Planning Commissioners. He also introduced Mr. Chris Bork who was in attendance.

Approve 2016 MFT Maintenance Agreement – Approve Resolution and Agreement for Maintenance of Streets and Highway and authorize Mayor to execute

Ms. Williams was present to answer any questions regarding proposed 2016 MFT.
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve 2016 MFT project and authorize Mayor to execute. Trustee Stone recognized that all MFT documents showed Elm Street and it's actually Elm Avenue. Ms. Williams will make correction "by hand." Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.
[MFT Maintenance Operation Cost is $130,037.00 and Estimated Maintenance for Engineering is $17,054.07.]

Approve an Amendment to FY17 Fund Budget, line item "Elm Avenue Repairs" account #03-6500-850 from the previously approved amount of $56,000 to $137,895

Director Kocher and Ms. Williams were available to answer questions regarding amendment. Director Kocher explained that the original plan to run storm sewers has been deemed a better option than using a lift station. All of Elm Avenue in front of Town Hall will be blacktopped. Lift binder will continue down Elm Avenue as far as funds will allow. A portion of the costs will come from savings of funds that had been set aside for bridge repairs at Airport Rd. Expenses for repairs were not as high as expected.

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the Amendment to FY17 Fund Budget, line item "Elm Avenue Repairs" account #03-6500-850 from the previously approved amount of $56,000 to $137,895. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve purchase of camera system for Police Department

Chief Dargis was available to answer questions regarding this purchase. Chief Dargis explained that this camera system does panoramic views and there is federal mandate that will take effect in 2017. Cortland will be the seconded department in the County with body cameras.

Trustee Lanning moved to purchase the body camera system in the amount of $11,603.64. Trustee Siewierski seconded motion to approve. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Department Reports were in the packet for Trustee review

Comments/Concerns

Trustee Fioretto asked Chief Dargis if he was planning on filling the sergeant position. Chief Dargis explained that he is in the process of writing a job description and vetting officers for a commander position. Mayor Stokes explained that commander position will meet the Town's needs more than a sergeant position.

Trustee Stone expressed his thanks for the flowers and condolences from Town Officials and staff with the passing of his father.

President's Report

Mayor Stokes reminded everyone of the Mayor's Memorial Breakfast at 6:45 a.m. on Monday, May 20th. If you plan to attend please let the Clerk's office know.

Mayor Stokes and Clerk Aldis received a thank you from Melissa Henricksen from NIU Center for Governmental Studies thanking them for taking the time to meet and share thoughts on the economic future of Cortland.

Bid opening for Cortland Center Road project is scheduled for June 21st.

There has been interest expressed by developers and Mayor Stokes thanked residents who are interested in serving on Planning Commission and thanked Mr. Lawson for his earlier comments.

Adjournment

Trustee Haier moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk