TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Business Meeting
April 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 Chuck Lanning, Ben Haier, Susan Dockus, Brad Stone, and Doug Corson. Trustee Mike Siewierski was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Bookkeeper Wes Levy, Director John Kocher, Director Joel Summerhill, and Police Chief Gary Spangler.

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice carried the motion.

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

Public Hearing FY2016 Tentative Budget for the Town and Library
Mayor Stokes opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Public Notice that was published in the Daily Chronicle on March 30, 2015. There was no one wishing to speak on the tentative budget. Mayor Stokes closed the public hearing at 7:04.

Approve FY2015 Budget Amendments
Trustee Dockus asked for a historical summary of developer contribution funds, in and out, for the Restricted Asset Fund showing balance remaining and available for expenditure. Mr. Levy explained that the figure he used was from the FY13 and FY15 audits and they are up to date. There were discrepancies in the software figures that go back as far as 2008. He will discuss this with the auditors and have an explanation of monies spent and the audited financials for the developer funds.

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to postpone approval of budget amendments until the April 27 meeting. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Police Department Staffing Needs
Chief Spangler was available to answer questions on the Police Department 2014 annual report. Several trustees commented on the thoroughness of the report.

Approve FY2016 Budget for the Town and Library
Director Kocher was asked to explain the need for a leaf collector. A discussion ensued regarding the problems with using the street sweeper that is not designed for picking up leaves. Residents are raking their leaves to the curb/street. Continuing to use the street sweeper without first picking up the leaves will result in equipment damage of the sweeper. It is also possible that the Town will not be able to keep allowing residents to burn leaves.

New Business
Notification of Termination Agreement between the Town and DeKalb County Community Garden
Mayor Stokes reported that the DeKalb County Community Garden has, within its rights, terminated its agreement with the Town for the property on East North Avenue. This is information only, no action is required.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Lease for Public Works Storage – 46 Mary Aldis Ln
[This lease agreement is between the Town and the DeLong Company, Inc. dba Delco Elevators and is a 12 month (no cost) lease commencing on April 15, 2015 and terminating on April 14, 2016.] Director Kocher explained that there is no cost to lease the building; the Town has leased this building in the past. The plan is to only use this building to store surplus salt and the stages.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the execution of the lease. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approval of Inland Environmental Remedial Services, Inc. Assessment and Remediation Contract for 86 S Somonauk Rd and Authorize Mayor's signature of same
Mayor Stokes explained that in anticipation of the court ordered demolition at 86 S Somonauk Rd. the Town completed a Request for Proposals for an environmental assessment. Bids were open at 3:00 p.m. on April 10, 2015. It is the recommendation of building inspectors that the Town accept a bid from Inland Environmental Remedial Services, Inc. not to exceed $5,000.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to approve Inland Environmental Remedial Services, Inc. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approval of extension of 24 hours vacation time from April 15 to June 1 for Peggy Hopkins
Due to the Town policy of using vacation time within the 18 month period after issued, Chief Spangler is requesting an extension for Officer Peggy Hopkins to use 12 hours (not 24 hours as previously noted) of time between April 15 and June 1.

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to approved extension. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Comments/Concerns
Trustee Dockus asked if we knew when the swearing in of newly elected officials will take place. Clerk Aldis informed the Board that the newly elected officials swearing in will take place on April 27.

Trustee Stone reminded everyone of the magic show on Saturday, April 18 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The Parade & Festival Committee will be making band decisions for Summer Fest at its next meeting.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes reported that the fireman's pancake breakfast was nicely attended.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Stone and a second by Trustee Lanning. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

Approved:
Attest: _____