

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Business Meeting  
**April 28, 2014**  
**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 showed as present Mayor Stokes, Trustees Dockus, Siewierski, Haier and Lanning. Trustee Stone was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Engineer Brandy Williams, Superintendent Summerhill, Director Kocher, Chief Medema, Attorney Tim Conklin, and Nathan Gaskill of Lauterbach & Amen.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Appointment of Town Trustee**

Mayor Stokes presented Mr. Doug Corson for appointment to the Board of Trustees [to fill the unexpired term of Sandra Barzso until the next election to be held in April 2015].

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the appointment. Majority roll call vote carried the motion with Trustee Haier abstaining.

**Roll call was taken at this time to show Trustee Corson as present.**

**Public Wishing to Speak**

Mr. Jim Hungermann, 307 N. Charles Street, addressed the Board. Mr. Hungermann explained that he and his wife recently moved to Town. He has concerns regarding maintenance in Richland Trails Subdivision and is wondering who is responsible for maintaining vacant lots. Mayor Stokes explained that at this time the Town only has certain rights, one of them being the streets. Mayor Stokes said the Town is working with Cambridge Homes and trying to move forward but is limited in what it can do. He said he would be happy to discuss this further if Mr. & Mrs. Hungermann would like to stay until after the meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

Town Board minutes of March 24 and April 14, 2014  
Approve Treasurer's Report and Expenditure Report for March 2014

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record. Trustee Siewierski moved to approve the Consent Agenda (with allowances for scrivener's errors). Trustee Lanning seconded the motion. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**New Business**

**Approve Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load**

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. **Ord. No. 2014-0**

**Approve Town FY14 Budget Amendments**

Trustee Dockus stated that the amendments do not have to be approved tonight and moved to postpone until May. Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to postpone. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Approve Library FY14 Budget Amendments**

Trustee Dockus moved to approve Library Budget Amendment for FY14. Trustee Siewierski seconded the motion. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Approve Town and Library FY15 Budget**

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded the motion to approve Town and Library FY15 Budget. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Department Head Reports**

**Water/Wastewater**

When asked if the water rate study was put together, Mr. Summerhill said he needs the budget finalized before he will have all the information put together before proposing a water rate increase. Trustee Siewierski asked to have a copy of the study when it is ready. Mr. Summerhill is working with an insurance company on having the damaged irrigation rig repaired. Trustee Dockus said she really liked that Mr. Summerhill's report includes staff training.

**Engineering**

Engineer Williams reported that the North Avenue Lift Station is still on schedule for start-up on August 1. She attended a DeKalb County watershed project meeting and will be sharing maps and recommendations with the Town. Ms. Williams was asked to provide the Town Board with Fehr-Graham's recommendation for MFT street projects. Ms. Williams is working on procuring easements from property owners on Elm Street for the drainage project. She has submitted necessary paperwork to all the property owners.

**Police Department**

Chief Medema reported that the Police Department move is underway and they are operational in their new offices.

**Public Works**

There were no questions for Director Kocher. Trustee Siewierski asked Mr. Kocher to send him information on the Chevy truck that he expects to purchase in FY15.

**Comments/Concerns**

Trustee Haier asked if there are any plans to have a yard waste pick-up. It was explained that we had had previous problems with people dumping more than yard waste so the company that was picking it up refused to do it again.

**President Report/Proclamation**

Mayor Stokes read A Proclamation supporting Municipal Clerks' Week May 4, 2014, through May 10, 2014.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Siewierski seconded by Trustee Haier. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk