TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Business Meeting
January 12, 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 Susan Dockus, Chuck Lanning, Mike Siewierski, and Ben Haier. Brad Stone and Doug Corson were absent. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis and Water-Wastewater Superintendent Joel Summerhill.

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

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

Consent Agenda
Approve November 2014 Expenditure Report and November 2014 Treasurer's Report. Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Lanning seconded motion to approve reports. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

New Business
Accept Accounting Firm recommendation
A Request for Proposal for auditors was sent out and 3 proposals were received by the due date and time. It is the recommendation of Lauterbach and Amen that Sikich LLP perform the Town's auditing services for the fiscal years ending 2015, 2016 and 2017. Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve Sikich LLC for auditing services for the Town. Unanimous voice call vote carried the motion.

Proposed Policies Review – Capital Asset Policy and Fund Balance Policy.
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to postpone further discussion until January 26, 2015.

Approve An Agreement between the Town of Cortland and Union Drainage District No. 1.
The Town currently holds a discharge permit from the IEPA to discharge from its wastewater re-use and reclamation facility storage lagoons into the Union Drainage Ditch. The Town is agreeing to pay the Union Drainage District $1,000 for the period ending on April 30, 2015. This agreement shall be renewed on May 1, 2015 for a term of one year and shall be renewed on May 1 of each successive year unless terminated by either party by providing 30 day written notice. The Town shall pay $3,000 upon each renewal to the Union Drainage Ditch District No. 1

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the Agreement. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. **A-2015-01**

Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 7, Article 2 of the Cortland Town Code; Cortland Park System

After discussion it was found that Item Q-1A will have the words Lions Shelter put back; Q-2 remove double language of scriveners error. Changes to the application will also be made. With the changes to the Ordinance, Trustees were asked for a consensus as to whether or not they would like to see these changes brought forth. Unanimous consensus was given.

The cancellation dates on the application will be reviewed by staff and changes, if necessary, will be made.

2015 Proposed Utility Rate Increase and Code Amendments
Water Superintendent Joel Summerhill presented facts and figures to support a water rate increase and proposed changes to the fees and codes. The proposed water rate increase would be to adjust the base fee from $7.00 per month to $7.50 per month and adjust the rate per 1000 gallons from $2.50 to $3.00 in the first year. Mr. Summerhill also presented a 3 year projection with gradual increases for FY16, 17 and 18.

A copy of the presentation was submitted to the table.

A consensus of the Trustees was to move forward with proposal and code amendments to support the recommended changes.

Comments/Concerns
A general conversation regarding the possibility of contracting with a garbage hauler took place. Mayor Stokes is planning on sending a survey to the public to get a consensus as to whether or not the residents would like to see the Town contract with a garbage hauler or continue to choose their own.

Trustee Dockus handed out an article from the current *Illinois Municipal Review* that updates the estimates of state shared municipal revenue for 2015. Trustee Dockus also mentioned that for MFT budgeting purposes that the extra funds the Town has received was to end after five years. We have received the extra $17,180 for six years, so probably should not count on it for next fiscal year.

Trustee Siewierski asked about salting side streets and snow piled up at dead end roads. Mayor Stokes said that we have to be frugal with the salt due to expenses. We are primarily salting intersections and bus stops. Mayor Stokes will look into dead ends to see if the snow needs to be pushed back.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes reported that the last three homes for property maintenance are being addressed with one in Chestnut Grove on the fast track for demolition. The other two properties are under attorney review.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Haier and a second by Trustee Siewierski at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

Approved:
Attest: _____