TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Business Meeting
December 22, 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 was taken by Clerk Cheryl Aldis. Shown as present were Mayor Russ Stokes, Trustees Doug Corson, Chuck Lanning, Ben Haier, and Brad Stone. Trustees Mike Siewierski and Susan Dockus were absent. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Stone 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.

DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Town of Cortland Zone Designation
DeKalb County Board President Mark Pietrowski was present to discuss the Enterprise Zone application documents and to answer questions.
It was asked what the benefits for Cortland are. Mr. Pietrowski stated the zones are set up for industrial and commercial areas. All zones would be following the same criteria and that would make Cortland as competitive as any other DeKalb County community in regard to enticing business to the community.
Mr. Pietrowski stated on the negative side enterprise zones can be viewed as more handouts. This is an abatement program for ten (10) years on taxes and is a stepped down plan. He stated that the positives outweigh the negatives.
It was noted that the Sycamore School District (427) voted no as well as the DeKalb Park District.
Mayor Stokes reminded everyone that a good portion of the proposed Cortland Zone falls within the Cortland TIF district which would supersede the Enterprise Zone. There are only a couple of commercial properties that would qualify for the Enterprise Zone.
With no further discussion a motion was entered by Trustee Lanning to **Approve An Ordinance Establishing the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Town of Cortland Zone Designation – Tax Abatement and Accept a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement to Govern the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone,** seconded by Trustee Corson.
Roll call vote:
Ayes: Trustees Stone, Lanning, Haier and Corson
Nays: None
Absent: Trustees Siewierski and Dockus
Motion carried. **Ord 2014-14 and Res 2014-07**

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Haier and a second by Trustee Stone at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk

Approved: _____
Attest: _____