

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Monday
July 11, 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 Doug Corson, Mike Siewierski, Brad Stone and Chuck Lanning. Trustees Charmaine Fioretto and Ben Haier were absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Engineer Noah Carmichael, and Attorney Kevin Buick.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

Public Wishing to Speak

Mr. Robert Coyle, President of the Mound Rest Cemetery Board, addressed the Town Board stating that he is available to help provide information and answer any questions that might arise from the transfer of Mound Rest Cemetery to the Town.

New Business

Mound Rest Cemetery - Approve An Ordinance Providing For The Annexation Of Certain Territory Commonly Known As Mound Rest Cemetery To The Town Of Cortland

On June 21 the Board of Trustees for the Mound Rest Cemetery Association authorized a Petition for Annexation of Mound Rest Cemetery to the Town of Cortland. This ordinance allows for the annexation of Mound Rest Cemetery to the Town.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the annexation of Mound Rest Cemetery to the Town.

Trustee Lanning asked if the Town is prepared to do the maintenance necessary. Mayor Stokes said that town maintenance personnel will be responsible for general maintenance and mowing and Director Kocher has plans to remove some dead trees, add gravel, and do some grading at this time. The Public Works Department will also be responsible for plowing snow when necessary. Fencing and other improvements will be added to next year's budgeting.

Roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Stokes, Siewierski, Stone, Lanning and Corson. Absent: Haier, and Fioretto.
Motion carried.

Ord 2016-08

Approve A Resolution Acknowledging The Transfer Of Assets By The Mound Rest Cemetery Association To The Town Of Cortland, And Authorizing The Establishment Of A Municipal Cemetery To Continue Operation Of The Mound Rest Cemetery

Attorney Buick explained that there will be a time in the future where the board will adopt Town Code as to the operation of the cemetery. He explained that this resolution allows for the Town of Cortland's acceptance of ownership and operation of the Mound Rest Cemetery, and authorizes the Town's officers to continue the business of operating the cemetery and carry out the transfer from the Mound Rest Cemetery Association and make the necessary applications with State entities to operate a municipal cemetery going forward.

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Acknowledging The Transfer Of Assets By The Mound Rest Cemetery Association To The Town Of Cortland, And Authorizing The Establishment Of A Municipal Cemetery To Continue Operation Of The Mound Rest Cemetery.

Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Res 2016-03

85 South Somonauk Road Property

Approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition For Public Purposes of Real Estate Commonly Known As 85 South Somonauk Rd, Cortland, IL

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition For Public Purposes of Real Estate Commonly Known As 85 South Somonauk Rd, Cortland, IL.
Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Ord 2016-09

Accept the bid tabulation for West Elm Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements and approve the engineer's recommendation Pursuant to a bid opening July 7, 2016; Fehr-Graham recommends the low bidder, Fischer Excavating, Inc. \$135,371.45 be accepted and the project advanced

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to accept bid tabulation for the West Elm Avenue project and approve Fisher Excavating, Inc.; the amount of their bid \$135,371.45 to come from Capital Improvement Fund, Capital Improvement Expenses, Elm Avenue Repairs line 06-6500-850. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Mayor Stokes asked Mr. Carmichael to draft a letter to affected residents before construction starts so they are aware of construction dates. Mr. Carmichael said he would see to it and would prepare letter as well for the Cortland Center Rd. project.

Comments and Concern

Trustee Stone said preparation is underway for Summer Fest.

President's Report

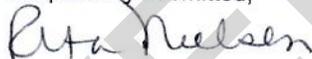
Mayor Stokes said he was happy to receive notice that MFT monies are going to be freed up. MFT bid opening is set for July 19. The Town received a donation for \$750 from Aqua Store. The water department allows for tours throughout the year and this is Aqua Store's way of saying thank you. This donation will be used for park improvements.

Mayor Stokes thanked Mr. Coyle, President of the Mound Rest Cemetery Association for the many years of serving the Association and taking care of the cemetery. Mr. Coyle thanked the Town for stepping up and taking over ownership.

Adjournment

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk