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

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Haier 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
Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda for the record.
Approve Treasurer and Expenditure for May, 2015.
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve reports. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Executive Session
Attorney Buick reviewed procedures of Executive Session.

Mayor Stokes asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Purchase or Lease of Property for the Use of the Public Body (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)) and to Review Minutes of Previous Executive Session (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)). Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. on a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Agreement to Purchase Property at 36 N Somonauk Rd
Trustee Buick stated that this is the opportunity for the board to take action on the discussion that took place in Executive Session. Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to purchase property at 36 N Somonauk Rd and to authorize the Mayor to enter into settlement and execute sales agreement in the amount of $12,000. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve Executive Session Minutes of May 8 and June 11, 2015
Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve Executive Session minutes of May 8 and June 11, 2015. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Unfinished Business
Discussion Regarding Residential Waste Trash Pick-up

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Mayor Stokes stated that in an effort to move this forward he sees three options. Let it go, find a way to regulate waste haulers by ordinance or craft an RFP. If an RFP is accepted, the Town would move forward with an ordinance and an agreement with a contractor.

Drafting AN RFP
The following ideas were discussed as what everyone would be looking for in an RFP: Limit # of days for pick-up, recycling, leaf and landscape pick-up, aceptable recyclables, carts and containers, billing and collections to be done by contractor, sponsorship of Town events, pick-up times, encourage discounts to seniors or veterans, and any other programs offered, i.e. stickers.

Comments and Concerns
Trustee Haier said he drove by the property where the fence was installed at 575 N. Longmeadow St. and thought it looked okay. Trustee Haier also said that he has talked to several people, including Chief Spangler, about the DeKalb County Police Academy being held in January, 2016. He has heard that the program is well worth attending and is considering doing so. He has checked the website and there will be a sign up period in August if anyone else is interested. This is a three month program. Trustee Lanning said he attended this academy and agreed that it is very much worth the time you put into it.

Trustee Fioretto asked about mosquito abatement. Mayor Stokes stated that it's not cost effective because we are surrounded by fields. It's most effective when your town and towns that are back to back all agree to spray. Trustee Fioretto asked if something could be put in the newsletter regarding reducing standing water around your property.

Trustee Stone gave an update on Summer Fest activities and asked for volunteers that could help out Friday and Saturday for two hours. Trustee Stone asked about a playhouse at 111 W Chestnut that looks like it would be in violation.

Trustee Lanning reported on the Veteran's Memorial Dedication set for August 1, at 2:00 p.m.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes reported that he has been told that the State monies for MFT will be held back at this time.

Adjournment
Trustee Haier moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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