

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Town Board Meeting  
**June 23, 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 Deputy Clerk Nielsen. Shown as present were Mayor Russ Stokes, Trustees Susan Dockus, Mike Siewierski, and Ben Haier. Shown as absent at roll call was Trustee Brad Stone (he arrived at 7:08). Trustees Chuck Lanning and Doug Corson were absent. With the Mayor, a quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Engineer Noah Carmichael, Superintendent Joel Summerhill, Director John Kocher, Chief Dennis Medema, and Attorney Kevin Buick.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Wishing to Speak**

There was no one wishing to speak.

**Consent Agenda**

Approve Town Board minutes of May 27, 2014	
Accept Festival & Parade minutes of May 13, 2014	
Approve Treasurer and Expenditure Reports for April 2014	
Approve Application for Noise Variance for 2014 Summer Fest	M 2014-02
Approve Class E Liquor License for 2014 Summer Fest	Ord. 2014-03
Approve an Ordinance Adopting June 2014 Prevailing Wage	Ord. 2014-04

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record. Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve consent agenda. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**New Business**

**Discussion of DCEO Grants**

Engineer Carmichael gave an overview of Ill. Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grants. The Town of Cortland received \$100,000 in capital funding in 2012. These funds are now being administered through the DCEO.

Grant 12-203236 (\$75,000): This grant is for the modification of the storm water detention basin at Cortland Community Park. The existing detention basin was to be transformed into a retention basin and recreational facility (fishing pond) with an open surface area of approximately 1.5 acres.

Grant 12-203237 (\$25,000): The naturalization of the detention ponds at Well #2 and Hetchler Park. The project will include the removal of existing vegetation to be replaced with native vegetation.

**Proposed Grant Amendments**

Grant 12-203236 (\$75,000): In lieu of creating a wet-bottom pond, the amendment would allow the Town to improve the drainage within the pond by replacing pipe, adding concrete flow channels, re-

grading, and other means as necessary. The remaining funds would be used to construct a recreational trail around the detention area which will provide the residents another option for outdoor fitness.

Grant 12-203237 (\$25,000): No amendments are anticipated.

**A Motion to Ratify the Mayor's signature**

Mayor Stokes signed the above grants on June 11, 2014. A motion was needed to ratify the Mayor's signature for the approval to accept the grants.

Trustee Dockus moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's signing of above grants. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Request for Proposal for Demolition of 85 S. Somonauk Rd.**

Mayor Stokes is requesting (pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1) that the Board waive the formal bidding required for public works projects. The expected cost could exceed \$20,000. This motion will allow the Mayor to choose from 3 local contractors that have been asked to bid the public works project for the demolition of the structures at 85 S. Somonauk Rd. The Town is under a restricted time frame given by the courts to allow for the demolition to take place. The Board will be informed of his decision and a ratification of the action will take place after the fact.

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to waive the bidding process and allow the Mayor to choose the demolition contractor for 85 S. Somonauk Rd. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Water Tower Painting and Re-lettering**

Engineer Carmichael reported that Requests for Proposals for bid solicitation are being prepared for elevated tank painting at well #2 and the re-lettering at well #4 and are in the packet for Board information.

**Improving Storm Water Quality Discussion**

Mr. Carmichael also discussed the possibility of the Town applying for grants to improve storm water quality. The County has developed a plan to address storm water management countywide. There will be opportunities for the Town to apply for grants to address storm water management. These grants would not fund projects 100%; they would be matching grants.

**Department Head Reports**

**Water/Wastewater**

Superintendent Summerhill reported that all irrigation rigs are ready, but June has not been a good month for irrigation due to excessive rainfall.

**Engineering**

Mr. Carmichael reported North Avenue Lift station is progressing. He expects start-up in August. The 2014 MFT packet has been approved by the state and is ready for bid. The MS4 permit renewal application is due in July. He has not heard from IDOT or the FAA regarding airport irrigation.

**Police Department**

Chief Medema reported that the new vehicle is ready at the dealership. He is waiting for computer equipment to be installed.

**Public Works**

Director Kocher is expecting to have all ash trees removed from Cortland Community Park before Summer Fest. He has started installing the curbing at Suppeland Park.

**Comments/Concerns**

Trustee Stone reported that Summer Fest activities are coming along. Mayor Stokes stated that Malta offered to loan lighting if the Town needed it for Summer Fest.

**President Report**

Mayor Stokes would like follow-up on the electrical installation at Suppeland Park.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk