TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
September 14, 2015
7:00 P.M.

UNAPPROVED

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 Mike Siewierski, Ben Haier, Chuck Lanning, Brad Stone, and Doug Corson. Trustee Charmaine Fioretto was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Director John Kocher, Attorney Kevin Buick, and Chief of Police Lin Dargis

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended to move Swearing in of Police Chief Dargis to item IV and Presentation of plaques to form Chief Spangler to item V. Unanimous voice carried the motion.

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

Swearing in of Newly Appointed Chief of Police Lin Dargis.
Mayor Stokes appointed Mr. Lin Dargis as Chief of Police at the August 24 Town Board meeting. Chief Dargis was officially sworn in by Mayor Stokes at this meeting.

Presentation of Recognition Plaques to Former Chief of Police Gary Spangler
Mayor Stokes and Chief Dargis presented Former Chief of Police Gary Spangler with plaques from the Police Department and a plaque from the Mayor, Town Officials and Town Staff.

Approval of Agreement to Opt-in for Employees to Participate in Long Term Care Insurance
The IMRF board of Trustees recently endorsed a new optional Long-Term Care (LTC) insurance program for IMRF members and retirees. This new insurance offering endorsed by IMRF (not administered by IMRF) will provided discounted rates and reduced medical underwriting. The Town has until October 1st to "opt-in" to the program. This coverage would be optional to all current and retired IMRF employees at no cost to the Town. 100% of the cost of the insurance would be paid by the employee if they elected coverage; they are not required to accept/apply for the coverage. Premiums could be billed directly to the employee(s) or withheld through payroll deduction for employees which have elected the coverage.

Trustee Siewierksi moved to approve and Opt-in to the LTC program for employees Trustee Lanning seconded the motion. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Unfinished Business
Discussion Regarding Residential Waste Trash Pick-up
Drafting the Request For Proposal
The RFP draft with current changes was reviewed and recommended revisions were agreed upon. The revised RFP will be available for review at the October 12 Town Board meeting. A final Request for Proposal could be available for a vote at the October 26 Town Board meeting.

Comments and Concerns
Trustee Stone reported that the Festival and Parade plans are coming along fine. The committee will not be buying candy this year, but will be passing out Frisbees instead.

Trustee Lanning said that the FAA has concerns regarding drones.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes reported that he, Director Kocher, Engineer Carmichael and the County engineer Nathan Schwartz have met to begin discussions on much needed improvements for Somonauk Rd. north to Cortland Center Rd. and the possibility of installing sidewalks along the east side Somonauk Rd. to Meadow at NeuCort Lakes, and the possibility of the Town taking over Maintenance of the road improvements in the future.

[As part of the Town of Cortland's 150 year celebration, a time capsule is being buried at Cortland Community Park following this year's Annual Parade. The capsule is being donated to the Town by Mayor Russ Stokes and his wife Ginny.]

Mayor Stokes reported that the time capsule has been ordered and will be ready for burying items on October 11, 2015 at Cortland Community Park after the parade. The public works department will prepare the ground for the burial of the time capsule. This is a 50 year capsule and not to be opened until 2065. The contents of the Time Capsule will serve to tell the story of what the Town of Cortland is like today to future generations of our residents.

Officer Roy Garcia is working with department heads in preparing the town's emergency preparedness plan as part of the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) requirements. Officer Garcia has vast knowledge of preparing these types of plans and has done so for state universities.

Adjournment
Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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