TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Monday
August 22, 2016
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 Ben Haier, Chuck Lanning, Charmaine Fioretto and Doug Corson were not present for roll call (arrived at 7:25). Trustee Mike Siewierski was absent. Also present, Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Engineer Noah Carmichael, and Chief of Police Lin Dargis.

With the Mayor, quorum requirements were met.

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Haier moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

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

Swearing in of Commander Pat Treacy
Mayor Stokes swore in Mr. Pat Treacy as Commander.

Consent Agenda
Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the Consent Agenda.
Approve Town Board Minutes for July 25, 2016 and August 8, 2016
Approve Treasurer and Expenditure Reports for June and July 2016
Accept Festival and Parade Minutes of June 15, 2016

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.
Roll call vote: With the Mayor, unanimous roll call carried the motion.

New Business
Employee Health/Vision/Dental Insurance Renewal
Brian Jablonski, Senior Benefits Consultant with CBIZ Employee Services Organization, Employee Benefits was present to discuss renewal of employee health insurance. Mr. Jablonski explained that he met with Town staff to review options. He had several alternative plans that would have increased the health insurance by up to 26%. The current provider (Humana) is able to allow for transitional relief of our current plan to renew for 15 months with a 9.4% increase. Mr. Jablonski is recommending that the Town renew for 15 months to keep increases at a minimum.

After reviewing the current, and three alternative plans, Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to renew the Town's current plan for Life, Health and Vision with Humana and Principal for Dental. Roll call vote: With the Mayor, a unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

[Trustees Corson and Fioretto arrived during discussion]

Discussion regarding Somonauk Road north of North Ave to Barber Green Rd with Nathan Schwartz, DeKalb County Highway Department Engineer

Mr. Carmichael opened discussion on the Somonauk Road topic and provided a brief history and background on the subject. With the residential development along Somonauk Road north of North Avenue, the Town and DeKalb County have had various discussions over the years regarding a jurisdictional transfer of the roadway between North Avenue and Barber Greene Road. Mr. Schwartz explained the County's position and the upcoming Somonauk Road resurfacing project, which includes the section between North Avenue and Barber Greene Road. Should the Town be agreeable to assuming jurisdiction of the above-described section of Somonauk Road, then the County would consider including various improvement requests provided by the Town staff in the roadway design, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveway replacement, and drainage. After discussion, the board was in general agreement to consider an intergovernmental agreement detailing the jurisdictional transfer of Somonauk Road. Mr. Schwartz was tasked to prepare the draft agreement for Town review. During discussion Engineer Carmichael noted for the Board that with a jurisdictional transfer the revenue source of MFT dollars will not increase. The MFT formula for municipalities is solely based upon population, not miles of road to maintain.

Discussion and Action Regarding Agreement between Town of Cortland and All Around Pumping, Inc. Regarding donation of 50'X80' Outdoor Skating Rink.

This Agreement, prepared by Attorney Buick's office, lays out the responsibilities of both parties for maintenance and storage of a donated skating rink. Clerk Aldis stated that she has contacted the Town's insurance liability company and they are fine with the Agreement as long as no organized sports (hockey) are allowed.

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Lanning seconded a motion to approve the Agreement. Roll call: Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Department Reports

Chief Dargis was present to answer any questions regarding his report or department.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss the purchase or lease of property for the use of the public body (Exception to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5))

Trustee Lanning moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session.

Roll call was taken: Ayes: Lanning, Corson, Haier, Stone, and Fioretto
Nays: None
Absent: Siewierski

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Session

8:37 P.M. Roll call was taken and quorum remains present.

Trustee Lanning made a Motion to pursue purchase of property for the amount of $14,804.14 as discussed in executive session, seconded by Trustee Haier. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Comments/Concerns

Trustee Fioretto said she heard kids talking about skate-park being in need of repair. She did follow-up on information and thought the rail may be in poor shape. Mayor Stokes informed everyone that it was painted last year.

Trustee Stone reported that Summer Fest was a success with $16,400 donated for the two nights. That does not include expenses. He would like to look into getting water further in to the park. Mayor Stokes recommended that he talk with Director Summerhill to see how this may be accomplished.

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President's Report
Mayor Stokes asked Trustee Lanning to report on a call he received from ICCI's Mrs. Barb Dettmer. Trustee Lanning reported that Mrs. Dettmer called him and was upset about not having enough notice to appear before the board to discuss increasing building permit fees. Mrs. Dettmer conveyed that they felt mistreated and were going to resign.

Mayor Stokes said he had not heard from ICCI since they were informed that the board made a decision to not increase building permit fees. Mayor Stokes asked Trustee Fioretto to research other companies or individuals who could be contacted to meet with the Town if ICCI does resign.

Adjournment
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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