

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Town Board Meeting  
**Monday**  
**May 14, 2018**  
**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, Charmaine Fioretto, Brad Stone and Rick Robins. Shown as absent were Trustees Siewierski and Walker. Quorum was present. Also present were Attorney Kevin Buick, Public Work Director John Kocher, Water-Sewer Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer Brandy Williams, and Police Chief Lin Dargis.

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Robins moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Corson. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**Public Wishing to Speak**

Mr. Jim Work with Silverthorne Development asked to speak. He stated that he is a builder in Cortland, building in Nature's Crossing Subdivision for 3-4 years. He has built over 50 homes and has had to turn people away. He stated that it is taking way too long for builders to obtain permits in the town. He stated that his company has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest MLS sales prices. He believes the process for obtaining permits in the town is broken. He and his associate met with the Town's building inspectors and were under the impression that he would be issued permits in a timely manner. He stated that Sycamore, DeKalb County, Kane County only take two weeks to issue permits. He stated that the Town's process was broken. He stated that he should receive permits in a timely manner and final inspections are taking too long. He referred to an issue that his contractor had with a Town Consultant last week. Mr. Work reported that one of the Town's consultants was yelling at his contractor.

Olsen Construction was also present to discuss incident with Consultant.

Mayor Stokes stated that he is not going to discuss personnel issues at a board meeting. He will look at the time lines for issuing permits and discuss this with staff.

Brandon Harold (Construction) stated that he would like to explain his story of the yelling incident with Town's consultant. Again, Mayor Stokes said that he will not discuss personnel issues.

Ron's Heating and Air-conditioning stated that he is not happy with building inspectors calling him at 7:00 p.m. and he refuses to answer his phone. He doesn't like that the inspectors are not available during the day to answer questions on how he should proceed with heating and air conditioning installation.

Mr. Rick Flanigan said he has been tied up in permitting for months due to engineering issues. He stated that they are not communicating with him or his engineers. He changed engineers at their recommendation and still they are not getting the process down. He does have his demolition permit now and is starting the work. He just doesn't like that it has taken so long.

Approved:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Stokes informed everyone that he would meet with Town staff in an attempt to identify what problems may exist and how to remedy those problems.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was read into the record by Deputy Clerk Nielsen

Approve Town Board Minutes of April 23, 2018

Accept Festival & Parade Minutes of April 5 and 24, 2018

Trustee Robins to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Unfinished Business**

Mayor Stokes stated that he has contacted Adolf Miller to list the properties at 36 N. Somonauk Rd. and 86 S Somonauk Rd. The contracts are attached as required.

**Accept a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Located at 36 N Somonauk Road and 86 S Somonauk Rd in the Town of Cortland**

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to authorizing the sale of surplus real estate located at 36 N Somonauk Rd and 86 S Somonauk Rd. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Res No. 2018-03**

**Approve Real Estate Contracts for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Located at 36 N Somonauk Road and 86 S Somonauk Rd in the Town of Cortland**

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to Approve Contracts for sale with Adolf Miller for 36 N Somonauk Rd. and 86 S Somonauk Rd. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Contract No. 2018-03 and 2018-04**

**New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

**Approve a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code - MFT FY19 in the amount of \$160,000 for various streets in Woodland Acres**

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve MFT FY19 in the amount of \$160,000. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Res 2018-04**

**Approve Maintenance Contract for 2018 with Fulton Siren Service-annual maintenance for outdoor warning sirens**

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to approve contract with Fulton Siren Service for 1018.

**Contract No. 2018-05**

**Cancellation of meeting on Tuesday, May 29**

Mayor Stokes announced that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 is cancelled due to holiday.

**Department Head Reports in Packet for Review and Discussion**

Water/Wastewater, Public Works, Police Department, and Engineer

Trustee Stone asked how the new blower at the sewer department was operating. Mr. Summerhill stated that we are running both blowers, new and old. No problems. He expects that we will be applying for another Com-Ed grant to replace the old one. Mr. Summerhill was congratulated for winning the 2018 plant of the year award.

Approved:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

Trustee Corson moved to adjourn to closed session for the exception to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Trustee Robins seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Stone, Robins, Fioretto, and Corson were present and voted unanimously to adjourn to closed session at 7:40 p.m.

Reconvened board meeting at 7:52 p.m. Attendance showed everyone present.

Trustee Corson moved to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of property discussed in closed session, seconded by Trustee Robins. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

**Comments/Concerns**

Trustee Robins inquired if anyone read an article in the Chronicle about a watchtower going up in Cortland. Trustee Fioretto saw the article, but also did not understand what it was for.

Trustee Fioretto said she had been asked about a taco food truck being able to operate out of Cortland. Mayor Stokes said it was reviewed and it is not a permitted use. If this person were to find a commercial property that would be different.

Trustee Corson reported that he is looking for entertainment for kids that could fill in the 12:00-2:00 spot while the car show is in progress. He also is talking with different organizations that are interested in Suppeland Park becoming a regulation size baseball field. The field would have to be reworked to allow for this and parking is also something that needs to be looked into. Mayor Stokes suggested that plans for original parking should be looked into. Trustee Corson will continue to look into this and bring forth more information as it becomes available.

Trustee Corson stated that the next Festival & Parade meeting is Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct a motion for adjournment was entered by Trustee Stone and seconded by Trustee Robins and carried on unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk

Approved:  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_