TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL. 60112  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday  
August 13, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call  
Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge was recited and roll call was taken by Clerk Chery Aldis. Shown as present were Trustees Rick Robins, Charmaine Fioretto, Brad Stone, Jim Walker, and Doug Corson. Trustee Mike Siewierski as absent. Also present were Attorney Buick and Public Works Director Kocher.

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

Public Wishing to Speak  
Mr. John Lamish, resident of the county and living on East North Avenue acting as spokesperson for others in attendance requested information regarding repair of the East North Avenue.
The question was responded to by Mayor Stokes that this is an item for consideration of the agenda this evening. He reported that there are not enough funds in the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) to complete all of the road repairs within the town. Administration has determined that it may be able borrow from Restricted Asset Funds (RAF) to do work yet this fall on the road east of Kishwaukee Forge Drive to Airport Road and a section of Airport Road within the jurisdiction of the Town of Cortland. Consideration by the Board of bids for this project is on the agenda. Should this project be approved consideration of limiting weight of vehicles would also be discussed.
Ms. Ellen Kedling of East North Avenue also asked for consideration of a sign “driveways ahead” as the road is used as a racetrack.
Mr. Henry Altapeter of Nina Street addressed the board regarding the road in his area.
He reported that the sides are breaking off into the yards.
Mayor Stokes replied that the Director of Public Works has a duty of prioritizing the use of funds for road work. It is noted that this road too, is in need of repair.

Proclamation – Celebrating Community – 100 Years  
Celebrating Mildred “Millie” Carr who was celebrated for her 100th year August 18. Mayor Stokes read the proclamation into the record. Millie Carr moved to Cortland in 1941, has owned and operated her own business, raised her children, been a part of local civic organization and continues to live here. Millie is a friend of many. Mayor Stokes
presented the proclamation to Millie's daughter Carol Scidmore her husband Chuck and Millie's great-grandson Charles Scidmore-Seivers.

**New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

Ratification of Town Expenditure to purchase 2018 Ford Taurus Squad car

Trustee Walker moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to ratify the town expenditure of $25,899 for a 2018 Ford Taurus squad car from Gjovik Ford and $105 for a lost title for the 2012 Ford Expedition traded in. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve an Ordinance Extending the Approval of the Final Plat of Casey’s Cortland Subdivision

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to approve an ordinance extending the approval of the Final Plat of Casey's Cortland Subdivision. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. This plat was originally approved on January 8, 2018 by the Board of Trustees. Per the Town's code plats must be recorded within six months of approval or be brought back for review of the Zoning Administrator and the Town's Engineer. Both have concurred that there are no changes to this plat and should be extended.

**IDOT Compliance Review #61**

As required by law the document was presented to the Board. No specific action is required. A compliance summary was provided for the Board by Lauterbach & Amen.

Accept bid for North Street/Airport Road project and approve bid of Curran Contracting in the amount of $211,544.60; project cost not to exceed $220,000

Trustee Walker moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the bid of Curran Contracting in the amount of $211,544.60. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Public Works Director Kocher reported to the Board that three bids were received for this road project East North Avenue from Kishwaukee Forge Drive east to Airport Road and that portion of Airport Road under the Town's jurisdiction. Mr. Kocher reported that Mr. Levy is concerned that we need a document that memorializes the payback of the loan for this project from the Restricted Asset Funds. When asked Attorney Buick stated it would require a 2/3 vote of the Trustees to transfer funds from the Restricted Asset Funds. The required documents will be presented for consideration at a future meeting.

Mayor Stokes explained that this project would be similar to Cortland Center Road improvements. Improvements would start at the east side of Kishwaukee Forge Drive to Airport Road and then that part of Airport road under the Town's jurisdiction. We would then consider posting weight limits to preserve the road after improvements.

**Comments/Concerns**

Mayor Stokes reported that the Town had been approached gathering information regarding placement of solar farms/gardens. It was reported that the Town does not have this utility as a
permitted use in its zoning code. There are many questions to find answers for and if a change were to occur would require a public hearing before a hearing officer and then Town Board action.

Trustee Fioretto stated that Substantial Creations, LLC would like to know if they would be allowed to donate plants and labor for the Welcome to Cortland sign on Route 38. The question arose about them doing the maintenance as well. Mayor Stokes asked that the contact information be provided as is willing to check options.

Trustee Stone congratulated the Summer Fest Committee for a job well done. He also reported that he had been contracted regarding someone who had car issues on North Ave.

Trustee Corson reported that Summerfest had no overwhelming issues. He thanked Brad Stone and Judy Butler for their help at the fest and in the transition process.

President’s Report
Mayor Stokes reported to the Board that a small number of delinquent sewer bills are being handled with the attorney’s office. These are bills that have not been paid in full, some since 2011, that have a large current balance due and one business that has an outstanding bill since 2011. Code enforcement is working on residential property maintenance issues and one home may need a complete and thorough inspection and may need to be determined if condemnation is appropriate. There have been inquiries for business relocations and pre-application meetings have been conducted with staff.

Adjournment
Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion for adjournment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk

Approved: 8-23-19
Attest: KP