

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
April 22, 2019
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 Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Trustees Charmaine Fioretto, Jim Walker, Rick Robins, Doug Corson, and Brad Stone. Trustee Siewierski was absent. Quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Aldis Attorney Kevin Buick, Director John Kocher, Director Joel Summerhill, Bookkeeper Jennifer Yaggie, Zoning Administrator Anna Kurtzman, and Chief Dargis.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Public Wishing to Speak

No one was present.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record:
Approve Town Board Minutes of March 25 and April 8, 2019
Approve Expenditure Reports for March 2019
Approve Treasurer's Reports for March 2019

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Robins seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Appointment of an Ethics Officer as prescribed in Town Code 1-11-1 State Officials and Employees Ethics Act

Mayor Stokes explained that the Town had previously adopted the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act [(5ILCS 430/70-5) as part of Town Code, Sec. 1-11-1.] The Act provides that the Town appoint an Ethics Officer for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of the Act. This motion allows for the appointment the mayor to hold the title of Ethics Officer with the Advice and Consent of the Board. Mayor Stokes also stated that if there is a complaint the town attorney would be consulted.

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Walker seconded a motion to appoint the mayor as the Ethics Officer. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve an Ordinance Amending the Town Code Section 9-3-7G of the Zoning Code to Allow Fire Science Training Facilities to be Considered as a Special Use Within Certain Zoning Districts

Trustee Fioretto moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Town Code Section 9-3-7G of the Zoning Code to Allow Fire Science Training Facilities to be Considered as a Special Use Within Certain Zoning Districts. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve Amendments to Appendix A of the Town of Cortland Wage & Salary Scale with Related Benefits; non-Elected Personnel

Ms. Yaggie explained that the amendment is necessary to lower the salary rate for non-supervisory public works/water wastewater department personnel to \$35,360 and to increase the upper levels by 5% which is option 2 of the handout in packet. Option 1 allows for increases only based on CPI. The last time the Wage and Salary Scale was amended was June of 2016.

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve Option 2. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve an Ordinance Amending the Town Code Title 4 Public Health and Safety 4-1-5 Refuse Restrictions

Clerk Aldis explained that [Exhibit A of 4-1-5 had been inadvertently removed during a prior amendment to this code.]

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Town Code Title 4 Public Health and Safety. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve an Ordinance Amending the Town Code Title 6 Motor Vehicles and Traffic 6-4-4 G Handicapped Parking Penalty

Chief Dargis stated that this amendment brings the Town Code up to date with State of Illinois standards for statutory handicapped parking penalties to \$250.00.

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Robins seconded a motion to approve Ordinance Amending the Town Code Title 6 Motor Vehicles and Traffic 6-4-4 G Handicapped Parking Penalty. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Department Head Reports

No questions at this time.

Comments/concerns

Clerk Aldis reported that the County has completed the April 2, 2019 election canvas and the swearing in of elected trustees Fioretto, Corson, and Stone will take place at the May 13, board meeting.

President's Report

Mayor Stokes stated that he appreciated the work that went into working through the budget

process.

Mayor Stokes asked the board to think about possible solutions to the old grade school property.

Ms. Kurtzman reminded the board that the current application for Northern Illinois Fence remains open as the board remanded applicant back to the planning commission for reconsideration and restrictions.

Ms. Kurtzman was instructed by Mayor Stokes to contact applicant for status, and if they are not pursuing their application ask them to withdraw application so that the file may be closed.

Adjournment

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk

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