

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
August 26, 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, Mike Siewierski, and Doug Corson (7:01). Shown as absent was Trustee Brad Stone. Quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Aldis, Attorney Kevin Buick, Public Works Director John Kocher, Water-Wastewater Director Joel Summerhill, and Commander Pat Treacy.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Wishing to Speak

Casey's Area Supervisor, Ms. Lynn Meaney introduced herself. She was here to learn about a request to sell alcoholic liquor in the convenience store.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record:

- a. Approve Town Board Minutes July 22 and August 8, 2019
- b. Accept Parade & Festival Minutes of October 9 & October 23, 2018, February 19, March 5, May 7, June 4, July 16, July 23, July 30, and August 7, 2019
- c. Ratifying Mayor's action to enter into contracts with Animal Quest, RKM Fireworks Company, Champion Fencing, Inc., Starline Audio, Inc., Midwest Tents and Events, The Bossy Dog, Party Doctors, Back Country Roads, Pistol Pete, and Mister Meyers for 2019 Summer Fest

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

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

An Ordinance Amending Title 3 Business and License Regulations, Chapter 9 Alcoholic Beverages of the Cortland Town Code

Attorney Buick presented the Ordinance Amendment changes for discussion. Including the following changes or additions: 3-9-31 (Server Training Requirements) H1 will be added to A-F requiring alcohol server training for an H1 license; 3-9-6 (Restrictions on Issuance) #1 is amended to read 30-day Illinois Residency is required

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Robins seconded a motion to Approve An Ordinance Amending Title 3 Business and License Regulations, Chapter 9 Alcoholic Beverages of the Cortland Town Code by replacing Title 3 Business and License Regulations, Chapter 9 Alcoholic Beverages and replacing it in its entirety with changes discussed above. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. **Ord 2019-16**

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Located Within Richland Trails Subdivision.

This resolution will authorize the Town to declare as surplus and sell pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11/76-4.1 a total of 26 lots in Richland Trails subdivision currently owned by the town.

Mayor Stokes reported that he would like to market these 26 lots as single lots, multiple lots, or all the lots as is. He has been looking at current market asking price in other Towns and believes \$20,000 is a reasonable place to start. He stated that purchaser of lots would be held to existing Annexation Agreement conditions for building.

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Walker seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Located Within Richland Trails Subdivision. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Res 2019-06

Department Head Reports

Commander Treacy stated that Summerfest went well and had no problems to report.

Comments/concerns

Trustee Fioretto asked Mayor Stokes if a discussion regarding marijuana dispensaries could be added to a future agenda. Trustee Fioretto stated that a full discussion is necessary and not just an item brought up under comments and concerns. Trustee Fioretto stated that if we wait to have the discussion we could be missing opportunities. Trustee Robins agreed that a discussion was necessary, he had an article that he quoted regarding tax revenue that would be available to municipalities that allow for dispensaries. He stated that the State of Illinois would receive 40% and municipalities could collect 3%. Mayor Stokes is not in favor of having this discussion at this time as there are too many unknowns regarding what laws will be put forward by the State. He also wants to see what other surrounding municipalities choose to do.

President's Report

Mayor Stokes reported the property owners on the Northwest corner of Tallgrass and Somonauk Rd. are interested in building mini storage units on one part of property and a strip mall for shopping.

The new owners of the trailer park have approached the Town regarding connection to water and possibly sewer. There was a meeting to discuss terms and requirements which are similar to the Agreement the Town was discussing with Stonetown Capital which stalled when the town could not allow an Agreement for longer than 20 years. One of the provisions of an Agreement he would like to see would be that the Town would acquire easements along route 38, to the cemetery, for installation of water and hydrants. Mayor Stokes will bring more information to the board as it becomes available. Mayor Stokes reported the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing at its meeting on September 12th regarding parcel rezoning as required in the Settlement Agreement.

Trustee Fioretto asked Mayor Stokes why he will not agree to her request to add an agenda item for marijuana on a future agenda.

Mayor Stokes asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Walker seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk