

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
December 9, 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 Nielsen. Shown as present were Trustees Jim Walker, Rick Robins, Doug Corson, Charmaine Fioretto, and Brad Stone. Trustee Mike Siewierski was absent. Quorum was present. Also present were Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Attorney Kevin Buick, Zoning Consultant Anna Kurtzman, and Accountant Wes Levy.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Public Wishing to Speak

There was no one present wishing to speak.

New Business

Insurance Renewals;

Assurance Agency Brent Haubenriser presented Assurance's Insurance Proposal Program for Liability, Workman's Comp; Property/Inland Marine, Automobile, and Crime. Option #1 was for current carriers \$84,242 with a \$6,500 Assurance service fee for a total proposal of \$90,742. Option #2 was with ICMRT for a total of \$84,103 with a \$6,500 Assurance free with a total proposal of \$90,603.

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Robins seconded a motion to accept Option #2 from ICMRT for a total package of \$84,103 and \$6,500 service fee for a total of \$90,603. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

An Ordinance Approving the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Town of Cortland and Cortland Community Library

Mr. Levy was available to answer any question, he stated that there are no changes since the proposed levy was presented.

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Walker seconded a motion to approve An Ordinance Approving the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Town of Cortland and Cortland Community Library. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

An Ordinance Abating Special Service Taxes for Special Service Area Number One and Approving the Amended Special Tax Roll (NeuCort Lakes)

Mr. Levy presented.

Cancellation of Regularly Scheduled Meeting, Monday, December 23, 2019

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to cancel regular meeting of Monday, December 23, 2019. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Comments and Concerns

Trustee Robins reported that he has met with Mayor Stokes, has researched, and is ready to report on legalized cannabis dispensaries. Trustee Robins stated that his research was not all negative or positive, he would just like to make certain points; all workers are vetted by the State, mandated 8-12 week training, medical marijuana is cost prohibitive, to purchase for self or loved one, purchaser must show current State I.D., disorderly and theft crimes are down, purchaser must enter through series of locked doors.

Attorney Buick reminded everyone that laws are changing daily. By doing nothing, you are not prohibiting, He sees no reason to change zoning at this time that would allows for it. There are a few ordinances that you can adopt that address prosecution of violations and tax revenue.

Mayor Stokes said that this is the reality of what is going on, he does not want a reputation that can come with allowing dispensaries, and he would like to see a consensus as to how Trustees feel about the issue of allowing dispensaries or not.

With the exception of Trustee Walker saying no, Trustees were open to the idea and are willing to wait and see what happens.

Attorney Buick will prepare ordinances for consideration at next Town Board meeting.

President's Report

Nothing to report at this time

Adjournment

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk