TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Town Board Meeting
**November 12, 2019**
**7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call**
The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Roll call taken by Clerk Aldis showed as present Mayor Stokes, Trustees Jim Walker, Doug Corson, Charmaine Fioretto and Rick Robins. Shown as absent were trustees Brad Stone and Mike Siewierski. Quorum was present. Also present was Attorney Kevin Buick and Accountant Wes Levy.

**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**
Robert Josefson addressed the Board as the spokesperson for a group in attendance. He asked for clarification of the 10 days to abate notices they received regarding parking of vehicles on unapproved surfaces. They believed that this was much too short a time frame to have driveways paved. When questioning this ordinance, it was suggested that they come to a Board meeting.

Mayor Stokes addressed the concerns stating that the violation of parking on unapproved surfaces has been in the code for many years. The enforcement process, previous to the enactment of this ordinance, was through the Zoning Administrator (Title 9 of the Town Code). The enforcement has now been moved to the police department (Title 6 of the Town Code). The notices are looking for compliance not specifically to write tickets. Ticketing may take place if compliance is not achieved.

**Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action**
There was no unfinished business.

**New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**
**Review of First Draft of Town and Library Combined Tax Levy**
Town's accountant Wes Levy present the preliminary information in preparation for the 2019 annual tax levy. The table presented showed the 2018 amount requested and actual amount received. The proposed amount requested for the Town's levy for 2019 is $695,00 for a calculated rate of 0.9844 % and increase of 4.50% for an additional $29,930; and the Library $243,500 for a calculated rate of 0.3446% and increase of 4.72% for an additional $10,980. Mr. Levy stated that neither levy exceeds the maximum 5% increase, therefore; no truth in taxation notice or public hearing is required. Also included on the report are the estimate levies

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for SSA's #1 and #9. Mr. Levy submitted to the table the DeKalb County Tax Computation Report for tax year 2018 as well.

**Accept Renewal of Annual Health, Life, Dental and Vision Insurances for Employees**
Mr. Levy presented an overview of the recommendations of insurances for full-time Cortland employees. These coverages are a combined 3.89% increase over the current year and all insurances would remain the same; Humana, SunLife, and Principal.
Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Robins seconded a motion to accept the proposal as presented keeping all insurances the same with a 3.89% overall increase in premiums. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion (4-yea; 0-nay; 2-absent).

**Approve Resolution Accepting Donation of Vacant Land from Resource Bancshares, Inc**
*[Resource Bank has offered 3.1099 acres (PIN 09-20-200-003) of land adjacent to Suppeland Park]*
Resource Bank met with and present a letter to Mayor Stokes offering a 3+ acre parcel to the Town of Cortland. While the land would be gifted without restriction is was hoped that the land would be added to the existing Suppeland Park. This parcel is located at the southeast corner of Somonauk and Cortland Center Roads and bounded on the east by Pampas Drive.
Mayor Stokes stated if accepted, the Town would then clean up the area of brush and trees that currently impede visibility at the corner.
Trustee Fioretto moved and Trustee Walker seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Accepting Donation of Vacant Land from Resource Bankshares, Inc., to the Town of Cortland, IL. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion (4-yea; 0-nay; 2-absent). **Res 2019-07**

**Comments/Concerns**
Trustees had no comments this evening.

**President's Report**
Mayor Stokes had nothing further to report.

**Adjournment**
Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion for adjournment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk

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