TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
July 22, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call
Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 7:0 p.m. The pledge was recited and roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Rita Nielsen. Shown as present were Trustees Jim Walker, Rick Robins, Mike Siewierski, and Brad Stone. Trustee Doug Corson and Charmaine Fioretto were absent. Quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Aldis Attorney Kevin Buick, Engineer Brandy Willian, Director John Kocher, Director Joel Summerhill, and Chief Dargis.

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

Public Wishing to Speak
There was no one wishing to speak.

Consent Agenda
Deputy Clerk Nielsen read the consent agenda into the record:
Approve Town Board Minutes of June 20 and July 8, 2019
Approve Expenditure Reports for May and June, 2019
Approve Treasurer's Reports for May and June, 2019

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

New Business
Shawn Ajazi Progressive Energy Approve An Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electric Load Renewal
Mr. Ajazi was present to discuss renewal for a term of 12 months beginning October 2019. The projected average annual savings for 2019-2020 is $72.00. The 2019 Aggregation recommended rate is less than $0.0650 with Com-Ed rate at $0.07207. Residents will have the opportunity to leave the program at anytime with no cancellation fee.

Approve An Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electric Load Renewal
Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Robins seconded the motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electric Load Renewal. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

An Ordinance Authorizing Sale or Disposal of Surplus Equipment (AGL Laser Stick, in-squad video systems and abandoned bicycles)
This disposal of surplus property is a request from Public Works and Police Department. Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Sale or Disposal of Surplus Equipment (AGL Laser Stick, in-squad video systems and abandoned bicycles) Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approve a contract with Peter Baker & Son Co in the amount of $181,801.19, pending no objections are received by July 23, 2019 for 2019 MFT work
Ms. Williams explained that the MFT Appropriations is $185,000, the lowest bid of $181,801.10 along with engineering fees puts the overall project at about $20,000 over budget.

Mayor Stokes does not want a delay in the MFT project. Mayor Stokes has talked with Mr. Kocher and the bookkeepers and everyone agrees that there is money in the budget for the overage.

Trustee Walker moved and Trustee Robins seconded a motion to approve the Peter Baker & Son Co MFT bid of $181,801.19 to come from MFT funds and $20,000 to come from Streets Maintenance Fund. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Discussion of Liquor Classifications – First reading of a proposed ordinance to Amend Title 3 Chapter 9 Section 3-1-14 A; adding H 1 Classification.
In preparation of this discussion Attorney Buick has prepared a draft of a possible “Class H-1” which could accommodate Casey’s request to sell hard liquor or the Town could just amend its current “Class H” license for allowing convenience stores that simply permits sale of package liquor for off-site consumption and not allow on-site as was required for video gaming.

Attorney Buick also discussed the possibility of creating a license classification for bars. Cortland currently has no provisions for bars and with current interest it may be time to start planning.

Attorney Buick encouraged everyone, to avoid “re-inventing the wheel” to explore regulations that other communities have, which can be easily accessed on the internet through Sterling Codifiers’ website or Municipal Code Corporation’s website. Trustee Siewierski will look at Sycamore’s license fees and report back.

Mayor Stokes also suggested that the stipulation requiring owner/manager reside in town could be amended at this time. Mayor Stokes said he can appreciate why this may have been necessary when the town adopted the liquor code, but this may not be necessary any longer. Mayor Stokes asked Attorney Buick to look into amending residency requirement.

Approve Real Estate Contracts for the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Located at 36 N Somonauk Road and 86 S Somonauk Rd in the Town of Cortland

This contract allows an extension to the original contract with Adolf Miller from July 19, 2019 until November 11, 2019.

Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to approve Contract extension with Adolf Miller for the properties at 38 N and 86 S Somonauk Rd. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Comments/concerns
Trustee Siewierski said that the hill behind his house was full of thistles and needs to be mowed. Chief Dargis said Officer Harris is in the process of issuing violations on this property.

President's Report
Mayor Stokes reported that there is an interested party looking at 86 S Somonauk Rd as a possible site for a bar/restaurant. Mayor Stokes has met with the interested party along with the Zoning Administrator and he expects this application to be moved on to Planning Commission.

Adjournment
Trustee Robins moved and Trustee Stone seconded a motion to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Nielsen
Deputy Clerk