



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Road Cortland, IL 60112

February 13, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Pietrowski called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski called roll showing as present; Mayor Mark Pietrowski, Trustees Charmaine Fioretto, Brad Stone, Jim Walker, Randi Olson and Mike Siewierski. Shown as absent was Trustee Doug Corson. Quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer and Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Police Chief Lin Dargis, Clerk Cheryl Aldis and Attorney Kevin Buick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Stone moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

No public wishing to speak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Discussion regarding proposed amendment to Employee Handbook regarding alteration of Holiday Schedule

Clerk Aldis sent out a survey to town employees via email asking their input on the possibility of adding Juneteenth to the holiday schedule. Of twenty-two employees, eight responded with their input. A consensus among the Trustees was made to make no revisions and leave the holiday schedule as is.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 1980-7 "Chapter 4, Amusements, Article B. Raffles" of the Cortland Town Code (This Ordinance, if passed, will repeal Chapter 4, Amusements, Article B. Raffles within the Cortland Town Code which would eliminate Town licensing of raffles, which will revert to County)

Trustee Siewierski moved to approve an Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 1980-7 "Chapter 4, Amusements, Article B. Raffles" of the Cortland Town Code, seconded by Trustee Olson. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. **Ord. 2023-02**

3. A Resolution Approving the Allocation of Funds and Entering into a Joint Funding Agreement with IDOT For Somonauk Road (This Resolution, if passed, will authorize expenditure of the Town's portion of funding for Somonauk Road resurfacing)

Trustee Stone moved to approve a Resolution Approving the Allocation of Funds and Entering into a Joint Funding Agreement with IDOT For Somonauk Road, seconded by

Trustee Walker. The Towns portion is coming from TIF funds in the amount of \$119,000. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Res. No. 2023-03

4. Motion the Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Joint Funding Agreement for State Let Construction Work

Trustee Walker moved to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Joint Funding Agreement for State-Let Construction Work, seconded by Trustee Fioretto. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

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5. A Resolution approving General Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code 23-00000-00-GM in the amount of \$85,000 (This Resolution, if passed, will approve using MFT funds for sealcoating in NeuCort Lakes subdivision)

Trustee Fioretto moved to approve A Resolution Approving General Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code 23-00000-00-GM in the amount of \$85,000, seconded by Trustee Olson. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Res. No. 2023-04

6. Approve an Estimate for General Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code 23-00000-00-GM in the amount of \$79,674 (*Estimate of MFT funds for seal coating project in NeuCort Lakes subdivision*)

Trustee Fioretto moved to Approve an Estimate for General Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code 23-00000-00-GM in the amount of \$79,674, seconded by Trustee Walker. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

7. Motion to Ratify the Authorization of Application for Zoning Variance (Letter for Mr. Kapu Aluli from owner of land (Town of Cortland) to allow applicant to petition for variances on town owned property; 86 S. Somonauk Rd.)

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8. Motion to Approve and Authorize Mayor and Engineer to submit a Grant Application to DeKalb County Community Foundation and provide an accompanying letter of support in the amount of \$19,231 for ADA play equipment at McPhillips Park

Trustee Siewierski moved to Approve and Authorize Mayor and Engineer to submit a Grant Application to DeKalb County Community Foundation and provide an accompanying letter of support in the amount of \$19,231 for ADA play equipment at McPhillips Park, seconded by Trustee Fioretto. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

9. Motion to Confirm Mayor's Appointment of the following individuals to the Planning Commission

Lexi Bowers to fill an unexpired term to expire May 2024; Joelle Morken to fill an unexpired term to expire May 2025; Alex Haughee to fill a vacant seat to expire May 2026 and Vicky Torres to fill a vacant seat to expire May 2026.

Trustee Fioretto moved to Confirm Mayor's Appointments to the Planning Commission, seconded by Trustee Olson. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

10. Discussion Only-Presentation of 2022 Draft Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Williams, Engineer, and Zoning Administrator discussed the Planning Commission recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Future land use map with the Trustees. The Trustees, with some adjustments, came to a consensus to move forward.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report made.

COMMENTS

Clerk Aldis commented that there has been compliments on the town's snowflake decorations.

No other comments made.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Dargis reported he is working on the Police Department Annual Report.

Ms. Williams reported the Prairiefeld Ave project plans are ready. There will be an upcoming advertisement for bid. The splash pad project is still awaiting formal approval. A new arm on an existing ComEd utility pole will be installed at the intersection south of Tallgrass Parkway on Somonauk on March 18th.

Public Works Director Joel Summerhill reported Public Works is filling potholes and the decorations on the light poles will be taken down at the end of February.

No other reports were made.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pietrowski gave a brief overview of the Dekalb County Mayors meeting.

No other reports were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fioretto moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaity Siewierski

Deputy Clerk