

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road, Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
Monday, May 09, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Wishing to Speak

There was no public present.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Siewierski read the Consent Agenda into the record, Approve Town Board Minutes of April 25, 2022; Approve Expenditure Reports of March 2022 and Accept Treasurers Reports of March 2022. Trustee Siewierski moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Unfinished Business

Terra Firma Equity Group, LLC (Attorney Richard Larson) request for Town letter of approval supporting rezoning 13567 Illinois Route 38 in DeKalb County zoning map proceeding

Attorney Richard Larson spoke to the Board on behalf of his client John Mapes. Mapes is petitioning the county to re-zone the area for his usage which will allow the combination of two different zoning types. He is looking to continue having UHAUL trucks and trailers, but also include a storage area for RVs and mobile homes. He would be adding a new office area. The county requires fencing of the area, the likely outcome would be a chain link fence with slats. After speaking with IDOT, they are receptive to the idea if Mapes eliminates the western driveway on Rt. 38. On behalf of John Mapes, Richard Larson is asking for a letter of support from the Town to allow the rezoning of the area described in the packet.

Trustee Corson moved to approve a letter of support from the Town of Cortland to re-zone 13567 IL Rt. 38 in DeKalb County, seconded by Trustee Walker. Roll call vote carried the motion with Trustee Stone abstaining.

Festival & Parade Committee Report – Doug Corson

Trustee Corson mentioned to the Board that this weekend will be the Cortland wide garage sales, vendor show and Taco Fest which is being held in Cortland Community Park. Taco Fest will include five trucks: three professional and two amateurs. He would like to see members there to support.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

A Resolution (R2022-02) Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Located Within Nature's Crossing Subdivision (1 Single Family Lot G-4 09-17-329-004). (If passed, this resolution would authorize the Town's sale of a lot within the Nature's Crossing subdivision in accordance with the requirements of 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1)

Trustee Walker moved to Authorize the sale of Surplus Real Estate Located Within Natures Crossing Subdivision, seconded by Trustee Olson. Attorney Buick informed the board that this is the only lot owned by the Town in Natures Crossing. This will allow town staff to sell after approval and publication. The contract offered must not be less than 80% of the appraised value of lots. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.
(R2022-02)

A Resolution Requesting the County of DeKalb to Transfer Certain Tax Delinquent Lots to the Town of Cortland (If passed, this resolution would request the County of DeKalb's transfer of certain lots located on Ashford Drive in the Chestnut Grove subdivision to the Town of Cortland and authorize the Town's payment of the necessary administrative fees to acquire these 14 lots.)

Trustee Corson moved to Request the County of Dekalb to Transfer Certain Tax Delinquent Lots to the Town of Cortland, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.
(R2022-03)

A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (This resolution, if passed, would appropriate Rebuild Illinois Funds in the amount of \$190,000 for the purpose of maintaining certain streets (W Prairiefield) in the Town of Cortland.)

Trustee Siewierski moved to Approve a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$190,000, using Rebuild Illinois Funds, seconded by Trustee Fioretto. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.
(R2022-04)

A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$130,000 (This resolution, if passed, would authorize transfer of MFT funds for the purpose of maintaining streets in the NeuCort Subdivision.)

Trustee Corson moved to acknowledge a correction of Resolution 2022-01 funding source from Rebuild Illinois Funds to Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code in the Amount of \$130,000, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. This is a revision clarification from the previous Town Board Meeting of April 25, 2022. Unanimous Roll call vote carried the motion.
(R2022-01)

Authorization to Purchase a 6000 Series Toro 72-inch Zero Turn Mower in an Amount not to Exceed \$14,804 (DeKalb Lawn & Equipment Co. Inc.) (waiving formal bidding requirements by 2/3 vote)

Trustee Corson Moved to Authorize the Purchase of a 6000 Series Toro 72-inch Zero Turn Mower in an amount not to exceed \$14,804, seconded by Trustee Walker. Mayor Pietrowski asked if there is a warranty that comes with the purchase. Public Works Director Joel Summerhill stated there is only a 1-year warranty, but public works will be doing all necessary maintenance. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Annual Police Report 2021

This report represents a summary of events and statistical data for the 2021 year. Detailed information is in the packet.

Department Head Reports

Department head reports are in the packet. Police Chief Dargis mentioned there have been speed signs placed around town. Sycamore kindly let the town borrow theirs for the time being. This is due to a few residential complaints. He also mentioned that the Police department recently purchased two

new speed signs. In addition, as a part of the Child Safe Program he also received a supply of covid at home tests from the state as well as child safe locks and bicycle lights to be distributed to those who may be in need within the community. No other reports were made.

Comments/ Concerns

Trustee Stone had asked about the burning requirements in town, if the town has a ban or an ordinance. Both Police Chief and Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams stated that there is an ordinance prohibiting burning hay, straw or any combustibles in the streets or streets rights of way. *(Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 3: BURNING RESTRICTIONS: No hay, straw or other combustible material shall be burned in any of the streets or street rights of way of the town without written permission from the director of public works nor on any lot in the town within thirty feet (30') of any building. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.) (Title 4 Chapter 2 Section 1D-4: Burning Of Lawn Refuse: To burn lawn clippings and lawn refuse (not to include refuse from trees)).* This will also be tied in with Adjudication and more discussion on this topic will be held in the later June Board meeting.

Mayors Report

Mayor Pietrowski reported he is hopeful for good weather this weekend for Cortland Community Garage Sales and Taco Fest.

Adjourn to Executive Session Under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body

Trustee Corson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. (Exception to Open Meetings Act Under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. The Board of Trustees moved to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Reconvene to Open session

Trustee Walker moved to reconvene to open session, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Authorization of Mayor to Accept Offer for Sale of Real Estate Owned by the Town of Cortland

Trustee Walker moved to Authorize the Mayor to Accept an Offer for Sale of Real Estate Owned by the Town of Cortland Contingent Upon Publication of the Resolution to Sell the Remaining Lot in Natures Crossing, seconded by Trustee Stone. Roll call vote carried the motion with Trustee Corson abstaining.

Adjournment

Trustee Siewierski moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Siewierski
Deputy Clerk