



## Town of Cortland

### Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

May 26, 2026

#### MINUTES

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#### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Pietrowski called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called showing as present Trustees Corson, Fioretto, Haier, and Siewierski. Shown as absent were Trustees Stone and Olson. Quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Attorney Kevin Buick, Director of Public Works Joel Summerhill, Police Chief Lin Dargis, Town Engineer Brandy Williams and Deputy Clerk Catherine Koks.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Corson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

#### PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

There was no public wishing to speak.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Town Board Minutes from April 27, 2026

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to approve the Town Board minutes from April 27, 2026 as presented. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

#### NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Confirm re-appointment of Brad Lawson and Victoria Torres to terms ending in May 2029

Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to confirm the appointment of Brad Lawson and Victoria Torres to the Planning Commission for terms ending in May 2029.

Roll Call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, Haier

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Olson, Stone

Motion Carried

3. Confirm re-appointment of Lin Dargis as Police Chief and Brandy Williams as Zoning Administrator for FY27

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to confirm the appointment of Lin Dargis as Police Chief and Brandy Williams as the Zoning Administrator for FY27.

Roll Call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, Haier

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Olson, Stone Motion Carried

4. Consideration Of A Motion To Authorize The Mayor To Execute A Formal Contract With Curran Contracting Company In The Amount Of \$178,708.14 For The East North Avenue Road Project.

Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a formal contract with Curran Contracting Company in the amount of \$178,708.14 for the East North Avenue Road Project.

Williams stated that the project came in well under the engineer estimate and she would be asking Curran Contracting Company to also submit a quote for additional work on Maple Park Road. The combined work would remain under the FY27 budget of \$400,000 for road projects. If agreed to by Curran, Williams would bring additional paperwork to the board for approval.

Roll Call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, Haier

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Olson, Stone Motion Carried **C 2026-02**

5. Consideration Of A Motion To Approve A Resolution For Maintenance Under Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$40,000.

*This motion, if approved, would approve a resolution (Form BLR14220) to appropriate Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds in the amount of \$40,000 to purchase road salt from MFT Account 02-6400-220.*

Trustee Haier moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion to approve a resolution for maintenance under Illinois Highway Code to purchase road salt in the amount of \$40,000.

Williams stated this the first time the town has purchased road salt ahead of time and it is permissible to use MFT funds for purchase of maintenance materials for roads, like salt.

Roll Call vote:

Yeas: Trustees Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, Haier

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Olson, Stone Motion Carried **R 2026-01**

6. Discussion and Possible Action on purchase and implementation of a Text Marketing Notification Program for Town of Cortland residents in an amount not to exceed \$7,200. Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to approve purchase and implementation of a Text Notification Program for Town of Cortland Residents in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.

Trustees reviewed the proposals submitted by Crisis24 (CodeRed) and TextMyGov for text notification programs. They discussed overall costs along with budget limitations and asked how often a program like these would be utilized. The consensus was that this would be an unnecessary expense at this time.

Trustee Siewierski withdrew the motion. There was no action taken.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

There was no unfinished business discussed.

## **COMMENTS**

Summerhill stated that the Splash Pad is open for the season.

## **PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Fioretto stated that at the last meeting, the committee asked when and where the Town newsletter was being published. Mayor Pietrowski responded that the newsletter had not be published for some time and it usually appears online, on his social media page, as well as limited printed copies at the Town Hall. He anticipated publishing another newsletter in the middle of June to inform people about events coming up this summer.

Fioretto also asked if there were larger maps of all the current parks. Williams said she would provide larger maps for the committee's review. Fioretto asked when the volleyball and skate parks would be moved. Summerhill responded that the project was subject to staff availability and they are currently understaffed. He could not give an exact date, but would try to accommodate the request.

The committee is looking at pricing for a pavilion at Legacy Park. The committee is also interested in having a booth or table at Summerfest to interact with the public and get more residents to come to meetings to know what the committee is doing. One spot is open and there had been some interest from a few parties to fill it.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

7. Cortland Police Department Annual Report - 2025  
Police Report for April 2026  
Permit Reports for April 2026  
Public Works Report for April 2026

The board reviewed submitted reports. Chief Dargis presented the Annual Report for 2025 and stated that the mission statement had been updated.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – Exception to Open Meeting Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1))**

*The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity*

The board did not go into executive session at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Siewierski moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Haier. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Catherine Koks, RMC  
Deputy Town Clerk