



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

January 22, 2024, at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Mark Pietrowski called the regular meeting of the board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski called roll showing as present Trustees Doug Corson, Charmaine Fioretto, Randi Olson, Brad Stone, Mike Siewierski and Jim Walker. Also, present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer/Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Police Officer Robert Harris, and Attorney Kevin Buick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Corson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

No public wishing to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A. Approval of Town Board Minutes of December 11, 2023, December 21, 2023, and January 8, 2024
- B. Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 11, 2023
- C. Approve Expenditure reports and Accept Treasurer reports of November 2023
- D. Approval of Cash Farm Lease between the Town of Cortland and Steve Swanson for a One Year Term; 144.08 Acres **A2024-01**

Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski read the consent agenda into the record. Approve Town Board Minutes of December 11, 2023, December 21, 2023, and January 8, 2024; Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 11, 2023; Approve Expenditure reports and Accept Treasurer reports of November 2023; Approval of Cash Farm Lease between the Town of Cortland and Steve Swanson for a One Year Term; 144.08 Acres. Trustee Stone moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Roll call vote carries the motion.

Voting Yea: Trustees Corson, Fioretto, Olson, Stone Siewierski and Walker.

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Discussion Only – Request for Infrastructure Connections – Cortland Mobile Home Park

Ms. Williams asked the trustees if the town would be interested in connecting the mobile home park to town utilities (water/sewer). It was brought to Ms. Williams' attention that the new owner would be interested in starting the process to connect the mobile home park to town utilities.

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Ms. Williams stated that the town does not allow mobile homes in the Town of Cortland.

After brief discussion, the consensus of the board was not to pursue connecting the mobile home park to town utilities (water/sewer).

3. Discussion Only – Pre-Annexation Agreement by and Between the Town of Cortland and TPE IL DE425, LLC. 44 acres, Parcel No. 09-27-400-005

Ms. Williams presented the trustees a potential pre-annexation agreement draft for a proposed solar farm on parcel 09-27-400-005. This parcel is owned by the county but is recommended that the nearest municipality take control. This parcel would be zoned AG with a special use permit for a solar farm. After brief discussion, the trustees would like to see more information on this topic.

4. Consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-XX Granting a Zoning Map Amendment for Property Located at E. North Ave, Cortland Illinois. *(This Ordinance, if passed, would grant a zoning map amendment to property located at E North Ave, parcel number 09-28-200-007 from R-1 Single Family Residence with a Special Use Permit to I-1 Light Industrial.)*

Trustee Stone made a motion to approve an Ordinance Granting a Zoning Map Amendment for Property Located at E. North Ave, Cortland Illinois, seconded by Trustee Corson. Roll call vote carried the motion.

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Voting Yea: Trustees Corson, Fioretto, Olson, Stone, Siewierski and Walker.

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

5. Discussion Only – Town Hall Entry Upgrades

Mayor Pietrowski stated there is a desire for updated security within Town Hall. Some changes need to be made. The trustees came to a consensus to do what is necessary to keep employees/staff safe.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report made. Next Parks Advisory Committee meeting is February 13, 2024.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

6. Public Works, Engineering/Zoning, Police, and Building Permit Reports

No reports made.

COMMENTS

Trustee Siewierski gave a job well done to Joel and Public Works for their hard work making sure roads were plowed and salted.

No other comments made.

MAYOR'S REPORT

7. Acknowledgement of Public Works & Cortland Police Department

Mayor Pietrowski acknowledged Public Works for their hard work keeping roads plowed and salted.

Mayor Pietrowski also acknowledged the Police Department for their hard work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Exception to Open Meeting Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6))

The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Trustee Corson moved to adjourn to executive session, Exception to Open Meeting Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6), The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, seconded by Trustee Walker. Roll call vote carried the motion. The trustees moved to executive session at 7:42 p.m.

Voting Yea: Trustees Corson, Fioretto, Olson, Stone, Siewierski and Walker.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: None.

POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Corson made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the sale of the East North Ave property in accordance with the selling price fixed in executive session, seconded by Trustee Stone. Roll call vote carried the motion.

Voting Yea: Trustees Corson, Fioretto, Olson, Stone, Siewierski and Walker.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Stone moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Walker. Roll call vote carried the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Siewierski
Deputy Clerk