



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

August 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

Dan Black, Secretary for the Cortland Lions Club, thanked the trustees for their donation to Summerfest and thanked those who volunteered. Turnout was great and the numbers compared to pre-covid years look good. He was pleased with how the event turned out.

PRESENTATION

1. Banner Up Signs

Jon Kuhn, of Banner Up Signs, spoke to the board about the town's electronic message sign. Recently, the sign stopped working due to a part failure. Mr. Kuhn provided the trustees with information on a few options for repair. Replacement/ Repair of the part itself or replacement of the entire sign. There are three options for sign replacement. 16-, 10- or 6-MM displays. Packages are available for graphics and designs, if interested. In the board packet is detailed information on pricing for each option, including repair, replacement, replacement with warranty or an entirely new display monitor. Mr. Kuhn showed the trustees visuals of the different displays and provided an information packet with specs for them to review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. TIF Discussion

Mayor Pietrowski reviewed the discussion of creating different types of TIF programs from the previous meeting. He asked Clerk Aldis to work with finance to determine the financial status in the TIF account along with the amounts currently obligated to be paid out and anticipated revenues. In continuation, administration needs to provide to finance what the obligated amounts are currently and what is projected in the form of desired expenditures, then finance can complete the report.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Approval of Cortland Lions Club Special Event – September 9, 2023

Trustee Stone moved to approve the Cortland Lions Club to use town facilities for the special event on September 9, 2023, seconded by Trustee Walker. Roll call vote carried the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Corson

4. Approve Application for Variance of Town code for Cortland Lions Club Special Event – September 9, 2023, in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-4 of Town Code:

Exemptions: D. Community Events – Exemption request for operation during night hours.

Trustee Stone moved to approve an application for variance of Town Code for Cortland Lions Club Special Event on September 9, 2023, seconded by Trustee Olson. Roll call vote carried the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Corson

5. Motion to Confirm Mayor's Re-Appointment of Commissioner Brad Lawson to the Planning Commission – Term to Expire May 2026

Trustee Siewierski moved to confirm the mayor's re-appointment of commissioner Brad Lawson to the Planning Commission for a term to expire May 2026, seconded by Trustee Fioretto. Roll call vote carried the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Corson

6. Banner Up Signs - Discussion of issues and possible alternatives for repair or replacement of electronic messaging sign.

After brief discussion, the Trustees concluded to keep the electronic sign the town has and replace the broken part with a new part and purchase an additional three-year warranty.

Trustee Stone made a motion to purchase a new part with a one-year warranty and purchase an additional three-year warranty covering parts only, not to exceed \$4500, seconded by Trustee Walker. Roll call vote carried the motion.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Corson

COMMENTS

Mayor Pietrowski stated that the sweeping of road chips in NeuCort Lakes Subdivision has been completed. The chip and tar throughout NeuCort will extend the life of the road for roughly another 5-7 years. He also stated that there has been good feedback about the splash pad and Summerfest.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pietrowski reported he was pleased with the turnout at the splash pad. Ribbon cutting for the official opening of the splash pad was hosted on Friday August 11, 2023. Jeff Keicher, a few trustees, and employees were present. Mayor Pietrowski also reported that Summerfest also had a nice turnout, and he enjoyed the fireworks display.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siewierski moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Fioretto. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kaity Siewierski
Deputy Clerk