



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

October 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

There was no public wishing to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Town Board Minutes of September 25, 2023; Approve Expenditure report and Accept Treasurer's report of September 2023

Clerk Aldis read the consent agenda into the record. Approve Town Board Minutes of September 25, 2023; Approve expenditure report and Accept treasurer's report of September 2023. Trustee Corson moved to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Trustee Stone arrived prior to this vote.

Voting Yea: Trustee Stone, Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, and Olson

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Walker

Roll call vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Preliminary Draft of Town of Cortland and Cortland Community Library Combined Tax Levy

Julie Wons, Lauterbach & Amen, reviewed the proposed tax levy with the board. The estimated tax levy is \$1,082,500. No action taken.

3. Consideration of a motion to accept and sign proposal from Gjovik Ford for the purchase of two 2024 Ford F-350 trucks (with plows) in the amount of \$124,854 (*Expenditure has been included in the budget, Capital Outlay Equipment, line 06-7300-812, 07-7400-812 and 01-6100-812*)

Approved: _____

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Trustee Corson moved and Trustee Olson seconded a motion to authorize the purchase of two 2024 Ford F-350 trucks from Gjovik Ford (with plows) in the amount of \$124,854 (*Expenditure has been included in the budget, Capital Outlay Equipment, line 06-7300-812, 07-7400-812 and 01-6100-812*).

Mr. Summerhill reported that he had attempted to order trucks in 2020 and now again in 2023. He sent requests for proposals to 13 dealerships and received 4 proposals. Gjovik is the lowest and best proposal. He is not sure if he can receive the trucks in this attempt due to the autoworkers strike. He has a 150-day delivery built into the contract. He stated he would, once the new trucks are delivered, schedule the 2007 van as surplus equipment but would keep the 2005 pickup truck until it is no longer be road worthy.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Walker

Roll call vote carried the motion.

4. Consideration of a motion to approve purchase of two solar light pole units from Fonroche Lighting America in the amount of \$12,261 (Robinson Farm Subdivision, Capital Outlay, line 01-6100-811)

Trustee Corson moved to approve the purchase of of two solar light pole units from Fonroche Lighting America in the amount of \$12,261 (Robinson Farm Subdivision, Capital Outlay, line 01-6100-811), seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Ms. Williams reported that these solar lights would be placed at the intersections of Walnut St and Llanos St along Robinson Avenue. Residents have been asking for additional lighting. The town has been in discussions with ComEd for 1-1/2 years without success. These lights would be a pilot program. The solar portion is bolted onto a traffic rated pole that can be moved as needed. They have a five-year warranty, battery, and light at 100% light through the night. There is a 10-year warranty on the pole.

Discussion ensued. An alternative product was presented for consideration at a lesser cost. It was determined that the new option would be explored, and information brought back to the next meeting.

Trustee Corson moved to amend his motion to defer action to November 13, 2023, which was seconded by Trustee Siewierski.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Walker

Roll call vote carried the motion.

5. Consideration of a motion to approve a Supplemental Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$30,000 (*from Motor Fuel Tax Rebuild Illinois Funds - Prairiefield Ave Project*)

Trustee Siewierski moved to approve a Supplemental Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$30,000 (*from Motor Fuel Tax*

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Rebuild Illinois Funds - Prairiefield Ave Project), seconded by Trustee Olson. Ms. Williams reported that additional concrete work was requested by the town as part of the road project. The original resolution was in the amount of \$190,000. The original contract was \$172,215.05. The final pay estimate is anticipated to be \$216,486.34. The supplemental resolution in the amount of \$30,000 would allow the overage to be paid with Rebuild Illinois Funds.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Walker

Roll call vote carried the motion

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

6. Public Works and Permit Reports

Department reports included in the packet were Public Works and monthly Permits. Submitted to the table was Police Department.

COMMENTS

Trustee Fioretto commented that the merry-go-round at McPhillips Park is difficult to turn. She thought it would be easier as it is for wheelchair users. The equipment looks fantastic.

Trustee Corson stated that rumors regarding the grain elevator being torn down are incorrect. The owner is looking at options for alternative uses of existing structures.

Trustee Siewierski stated an excellent job was done on the Prairiefield Ave road project and the walking/bike path progress.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pietrowski reported that Trunk or Treat was well attended with approximately 600 people attending the activities. The Press Box food truck was well received. Girl Scout Cookie sales are January 5 through 21, 2024. They will deliver door to door February 1 through March 10, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siewierski moved, and Trustee Stone seconded a motion for adjournment. Voice vote carried the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis, Town Clerk

Approved: _____

Attest: _____