



Town of Cortland Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

November 24, 2025

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 and roll was called showing as present Trustees Stone, Fioretto, Haier, and Olson. Shown as absent were Trustees Corson and Siewierski. Quorum was present. Also present were Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Attorney Kevin Buick, Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Director of Public Works Joel Summerhill, and Deputy Clerk Catherine Koks.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Stone moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Olson. Unanimous voice vote to carry the motion.

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Town Board Minutes of October 27 and November 10, 2025, Approve Expenditure Reports of September and October 2025, Approve Treasurer's Report of September and October 2025.

Trustee Haier asked to remove the November 10, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes from the Consent Agenda.

Clerk Aldis read the consent agenda into the record; Approve Town Board Minutes of October 27, 2025, Approve Expenditure Reports of September and October 2025, Approve Treasurer's Report of September and October 2025.

Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Olson moved to approve the Consent Agenda without the November 10, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call vote:

Yea: Trustees Stone, Fioretto, Olson, Haier

Nay: None

Absent: Trustees Corson, Siewierski

Attorney Buick recommended additional verbiage to the November 10th minutes in the vote regarding Ordinance O-2025-11, An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the TIF Redevelopment Agreement between the Town of Cortland and Cortland Flooring, Inc. and Richard Jonutz; Cortland Tax Increment Financing District. The verbiage states that Trustees Stone and Haier recused themselves from discussion on this matter due to their ownership of property

within the TIF District. The vote on the matter also shows the recusal of Stone and Haier.

Trustee Haier moved, seconded by Trustee Stone to approve the November 10, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll Call vote:

Yea: Trustees Stone, Fioretto, Olson, Haier

Nay: None

Absent: Trustees Corson, Siewierski

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Consider a motion to Approve the Recommended 2026 Employee Health, Dental, Vision, and Basic Life Benefits (*The annual review and renewal for employee benefits*)

The board reviewed the recommendation for the 2026 Health plan by Julie Wons.

Trustee Fioretto moved, seconded by Trustee Haier to approve the Recommended 2026 Employee Health (Trustmark), Dental (SunLife), Vision (Humana), and Basic Life Benefits (Principal) .

The board discussed the differences between the existing Blue Cross Blue Shield plan and the proposed Trustmark plan. Fioretto commented on the overall price of the recommended plan, which was considerably less than the current plan.

Roll Call vote:

Yea: Trustees Stone, Fioretto, Olson, Haier

Nay: None

Absent: Trustees Corson, Siewierski

3. Discussion Only - Mid-Year Financial Review

Mayor Pietrowski commented that the packet item was an overview of the Town's financial status and he would be meeting with J. Wons to discuss a few line items. He also stated that he would like to continue forward projecting future finances after the next census in 2030. The official census numbers will be released in 2031.

Clerk Aldis explained the pension and IMRF requirements for the Town after the population exceeds 5,000 residents.

Board members stated that it was helpful to see a report like this mid- fiscal year.

Mayor Pietrowski commented on future residential and commercial expansion and development for the Town.

4. Discussion only - Presentation of 2026 Meetings Dates for Town Board, Planning Commission, and Park Advisory Board

Clerk Aldis presented the dates. The Planning Commission Meeting date of 1/1/26 will most change due to the holiday. It was noted that the the June Park Advisory Board will be changed from June 8th to June 9th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

There was no business to discuss.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fioretto announced the December and January meetings will be cancelled. The committee will next meet as scheduled in February. Fioretto met with Steve Irmen of KSDisplays about signs at Legacy Park. She is also getting pricing on additional park signs with samples. February will be an overview meeting for the year ahead. She also mentioned that she had been approached about additional memorial benches and trees to be donated.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Director Summerhill said Public Works will be done picking up leaves on December 1st. He reported few compliance issues with leaf pick up.

5. Police, November Police and Permits Report of October 2025

There were no questions on the police report.

COMMENTS

There were no comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pietrowski brought two dates to the boards attention.

December 4th - Candy Cane Lane Opens and Tree Lighting at 6:00 or 6:30 at the Library.

December 15th - Employee luncheon is scheduled and held at the Town Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fioretto moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Olson. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk