



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

July 14, 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, Olson, and Siewierski. Shown as absent was Trustee Corson. Quorum was physically present. At this time the Clerk informed the Board that Trustee Corson had asked to be present through audio means following the Remote Attendance Policy. He is unavailable due to a personal illness. Trustee Siewierski moved and Trustee Olson seconded a motion to allow Trustee Corson's off-site (remote) participation.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Stone, Fioretto, Haier, Olson and Siewierski.

Nay: None Motion carried.

Trustee Corson was added to the meeting as an off-site (remote) participant via audio (telephone) and his votes are recognized as via audio (telephone).

Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer/Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Police Chief Lin Dargis, and Attorney Kevin Buick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Stone moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Haier. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

There was no public wishing to speak.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consider a motion to confirm Mayor's appointment/reappointment of Michelle Bergeson, Liz Botts, Charmaine Fioretto, Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, Angel Mendez, Trent Moser, and Josh Orr to the Parks Advisory Committee. These are annual appointments.

Trustee Siewierski moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment/reappointment of Parks Advisory Committee members Michelle Bergeson, Liz Botts, Charmaine Fioretto, Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, Angel Mendez, Trent Moser, and Josh Orr to the Parks Advisory Committee for one year, ending April 30, 2026.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Stone, Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, Olson, Haier

Nay: None

Absent: None Motion carried.

2. Pilot Study - Phosphorous Removal Equipment - This proposal from Huber Technology, Inc. is for a pilot study to remove phosphorus at the wastewater treatment plant

Consider a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal from Huber Technology, Inc. for a pilot study of their phosphorous removal equipment. This is an unbudgeted expense, funds would come from the wastewater budget.

Trustee Stone moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal from Huber Technology, Inc. for a pilot study of their phosphorous removal equipment; amount quoted is \$21,500. This is an unbudgeted expense, funds would come from the wastewater budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fioretto.

Public Works Director Joel Summerhill addressed the board stating that this is a pilot program to see if their product would be able to remove phosphorous from the sewer treatment plant. This is a six-week sampling with a total duration of eight-weeks for completion of project.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustees Stone, Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, Olson, Haier

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO A TIF DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT by and between THE TOWN OF CORTLAND & WORTHINGTON ENTERPRISES LTD

This ordinance, if passed, would modify the Town's TIF Agreement for the enumerated properties by elimination of the Affordable Housing Restriction which would entitle Worthington Enterprises Ltd to proceed with consideration of updated building plans regarding George Caravelli's prestation to the Town Board April 28, 2025

Attorney Buick stated, at the request of the applicant's attorney, this item is removed from action for this meeting. He received notice of the request at 5:31 p.m. this evening. He also stated that we wished to commend attorney Herb Klein of Jacob & Klein, the Town's TIF attorney for the work done during this past week to have the documentation ready for this meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fioretto reported that the proposed park names have been narrowed down and they will bring recommendations for specific park names to the Board. There was a brief discussion of naming a legacy park in honor of Bill Abbott. The next Parks Advisory Committee is Tuesday, July 15.

COMMENTS

There were no comments made.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pietrowski reported that he will begin talks along with with Trustee Stone, as Board liaison, and LRS representative regarding the Town's expiring garbage contract.

The next town event is SummerFest to to held August 8 & 9, 2025. Volunteer opportunities remain available.

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The Lions Club will have a special guest, Bluey, for the youngsters. This will be a ticketed meet and greet at the Cortland Community Park. The Cortland Community Library is complimenting this activity with games and activities.

The Monday, July 28, 2025, meeting will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siewierski moved, seconded by Trustee Olson for adjournment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk