



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

October 27, 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, Siewierski, and Corson. Quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer/Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Officer Sawyer, Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Julie Wons - Lauterbach & Amen, and Attorney Buick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

Resident David Pehlke addressed the board asking the progress with chickens. Ms. Williams responded that a public hearing would be held Thursday, December 4th to hear a text amendment proposal and the issue would not be brought back prior to January 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Town Board minutes of September 22, 2025, Approve Expenditure Reports of August 2025, Accept Treasurer's Report of August 2025; and Approve Executive Session meeting minutes of June 23, 2025, as read prior to the meeting.

Clerk Aldis read the consent agenda into the record; Approve Town Board minutes of September 22, 2025, Approve Expenditure Reports of August 2025, Accept Treasurer's Report of August 2025; and Approve Executive Session meeting minutes of June 23, 2025, as read prior to the meeting.

Trustee Corson moved to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Trustee Siewierski

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Consider a motion for Ratification of Mayor's execution of September 27, 2025, Engagement Letter with Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, PLC for Legal Services for Defense of State Wastewater Enforcement Issues.

Trustee Stone moved, seconded by Trustee Haier, to approve ratification of the Mayor's action executing a contract with Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, P.L.C. for Legal Services for Defense of State Wastewater Enforcement Issues.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None Motion carried **C-2025-16**

3. Proposed Tax Levy - Review as presented by Julie Wons, Lauterbach & Amen
Lauterbach & Amen Bookkeeper Julie Wons presented the FY 26-27 Levy Ordinance. She reviewed the figures and explained that the 4.67% rate was not over the 5% maximum rate, therefore there is no need for a Truth In Taxation Hearing. The Town Levy anticipated revenue is listed as \$884,747 and the Library anticipated revenue is \$310,686.

4. Discussion only - Employee Health Insurance Renewals

Julie Wons reviewed the 20.7% increase in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare Plan for employees for 2026. She asked the broker to go out to market for quotes and other options would be presented when available.

5. Consider a motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 10, "Land Subdivisions," Chapter 2, "Subdivision Procedures," Section 10-2-8 "Minor Subdivisions" of the Cortland Town Code. *(This text amendment, if approved, would increase the number of allowable lots from 3 to 6)*

Trustee Stone moved, and Trustee Olson seconded to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 10, "Land Subdivisions," Chapter 2, "Subdivision Procedures," Section 10-2-8 "Minor Subdivisions" of the Cortland Town Code. This amendment increases the number of allowable lots from 3 to 6 in the definition of "minor subdivisions".

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None Motion carried **O-2025-06**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Parks Advisory Committee did not meet in October. Their next meeting is November 12, 2025 due to the holiday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

6. Public Works, Police and Permits of September 2025

There were no questions about the included reports.

COMMENTS – There were no comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pietrowski commented on the good weather for the parade and thanked all the participants and viewers. He commented that the musician scheduled for Music in the Park became ill and a local musician stepped in at the last minute and it was exceptional music for the event. He commented on the Trunk-or-Treat that it too was a beautiful day and that Trick-or-Treat hours have been set on October 31st from 5-8 p.m. He reminded those present about the Community Shred Day on Saturday, October 25th from 9 a.m.-noon.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siewierski moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous vote voice carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis

Town Clerk