



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

August 25, 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, Corson, and Siewierski. Quorum was present. Also present were Engineer/Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams. Police Commander Bruce VanWankum, Patrol Officer Lucinda Brunner, and Attorney Kevin Buick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

Several members of the Parks Advisory Board spoke requesting that the Board approve their recommendations for naming currently unnamed parks.

Jessica Nava addressed the Board asking for consideration of the town purchasing property for library expansion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve Town Board Minutes of June 23 and July 14, 2025, Approve Expenditure Reports of May and June 2025 and Accept Treasurer's Reports of May and June 2025**

Trustee Corson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record by Clerk Aldis and seconded by Trustee Siewierski.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fioretto reported that the shelter for McPhillips Park has been installed. Soccer nets have been placed at Suppeland Park. She briefly reviewed the Park Advisory requests for approval.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 2. Agenda Request Advising and Seeking approval for a reimbursement grant of Illinois State Police. Consider a motion to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Police to participate and be a beneficiary of relevant grant funds for FOID revocation enforcement - Presented by Officer Brunner**

Trustee Siewierski moved to approve acceptance of a reimbursement grant from the Illinois State Police and approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Police to participate and be a beneficiary of relevant grant funds for FOID revocation enforcement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Haier.

Officer Brunner stated that the grant was approximately \$5,800. Currently, there are approximately 54 people on the suspension/revocation list for whom the department will attempt to collect FOIA cards and/or weapons.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None Motion carried.

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3. Approve the placement of a skate park in Hetchler Park as depicted within the purple outlined area on picture as provided

Consider a motion to approve the placement location of a skate park within Hetchler Park

Trustee Haier moved, seconded by Trustee Fioretto to approve the placement of a skate park in Hetchler Park. During discussion it was noted that complaints from neighbors regarding noise from the area are being received. It was asked how often the skate park is used at this time. It was noted that kids are using the tennis court area for this activity at this time. The noise is comparable to playing basketball. Trustee Fioretto stated the skate park is not necessarily being utilized. There is a cost to move the skate park. Director Summerhill stated the cost should be minimal. It was questioned whether plantings could be placed to help deaden the noise. The response was no, as the desire is to keep visibility. Trustee Corson asked the cost to maintain the structures and questioned whether it was a necessary park item. Engineer Williams stated that there is a crack in the pavement base that needs to be repaired whatever use goes in that area.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustee Stone, Siewierski, Fioretto, Olson, Haier

Nay: Trustee Corson

Absent: None Motion carried

4. Approve the placement of a volleyball court in McPhillips Park near W Klein Ave as depicted within the purple outlined area on picture as provided

Consider a motion to approve location and placement of a volleyball court in McPhillips Park

Trustee Siewierski moved, and Trustee Haier seconded a motion to approve the location and placement of a volleyball court in McPhillips Park. It was reported that a sand volleyball court was originally planned for Suppeland Park. Due to activities of stones being carried to the splash pad and currently limestone being carried to the splash pad it was suggested that the location be changed to McPhillips Park. This project is budgeted in the FY26 budget.

Roll call vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

5. Agenda Request - Naming of Four Unnamed Parks

Consider a motion to accept committee recommendation regarding the naming of current unnamed parks

Trustee Olson moved and Trustee Fioretto seconded a motion to name the following parks:

Ohio Grove Park, corner of west Winterberry and west Bluebell avenues (Nature's Crossing Subdivision)

Walnut Park, on Walnut Street (Robinson Farm Subdivision)

Prairieview Park, undeveloped area of Chestnut Grove Subdivision, and

Legacy Park in Honor of Bill Abbott, an unidentified, yet to be developed park located at the property of 50 W Maple Ave (Original Town).

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustee Siewierski, Fioretto, Olson, Haier

Nay: Trustee Stone, Corson

Absent: None

Motion carried.

6. 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

Trustees Stone and Haier recused themselves from this portion of the Board meeting and will not be participating.

Attorney Buick summarized the request to remove the affordable housing language; this would affect the townhouse area only. This change would not affect Lot 25 commercial zoned area.

Trustee Fioretto moved to approve an ordinance Approving and Authorizing the execution of a second amendment to a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement by and between the the Town of Cortland and Worthington Enterprises (Lots 77, 78, 79, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, and 116)

Roll call vote:

Yea: Trustee Siewierski, Trustee Corson, Trustee Fioretto, Trustee Olson

Nay: None

Absent: Nome

Recused: Trustees Stone and Haier

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

There was no unfinished business.

Approved: _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

7. Department Head Reports - June and July 2025

Public Works, Police Department, Building Permits

Engineer Report - Brandy Williams reported paving on Spruce Street between Carol and Pine Avenues was completed, the sidewalk project was completed, and the McPhillips Park shelter installation is completed. The walking paths are to begin being paved on August 26 and would be closed for two-weeks.

Chestnut Grove Subdivision turn lanes were discussed; turn lanes at Route 38 and South Hahn Drive. Ms. Williams reported there was a letter issued in 2009 by IDOT that the town would be responsible for turn lanes. IDOT has determined that turn lanes are needed and they will support funding for those. She said they are hoping to get another entrance before the signals are required, i.e., Fairview Drive as a phase II.

Other reports were included in the packet with no questions being asked of the departments.

COMMENTS

Trustee Corson reported the weather for SummerFest was good. They (Lions Club) ended financially better this year than last year. Fireworks for America250 will be discussed in the coming months.

MAYOR'S REPORT

8. Information - Illinois State and Local Cybersecurity Grant. This grant is at no cost to the Town of Cortland to provide cybersecurity. Changing to this program would save the town approximately \$1,000 per year.

Mayor Pietrowski provided information on the Illinois State and Local Cybersecurity Grant. This grant is at no cost to the Town of Cortland to provide cybersecurity. The town will be changing parts of its current technology in favor of this program. Trustee Siewierski provided positive feedback regarding this program.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Stone moved and Trustee Siewierski seconded a motion for adjournment. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Aldis
Town Clerk