

TOWN OF CORTLAND
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Town Board Meeting
September 26, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Mayor Pietrowski called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski called roll showing as present; Mayor Mark Pietrowski, Trustees Charmaine Fioretto, Brad Stone, Doug Corson, Jim Walker and Mike Siewierski. Shown as absent was Trustee Randi Olson. Quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer and Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Bookkeeper, Lauterbach and Amen; Julie Wons, Attorney Kevin Buick and Clerk Cheryl Aldis.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Wishing to Speak

No public present.

Consent Agenda

Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of August 22, 2022, and September 12, 2022; Approve Expenditures Report of May 2022 and Accept Treasurer's Report of May 2022. Trustee Fioretto commented regarding the minutes of September 12 needing a minor correction. Trustee Stone was not present at this meeting. Trustee Siewierski moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with the minor correction to the minutes of September 12, 2022 (*Adjournment motion by Brad Stone, Trustee Stone was not present at the meeting; motion was by Fioretto*), seconded by Trustee Walker. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

FY22 Audit Review- Brian LeFevre, Sikich

Brian LeFevre, Sikich, presented the FY22 Audit Review to the board. He discussed main points of interest in the annual financial report stating how pleased they were with how smooth the audit went and how information was received in a timely fashion. He stated the overall financial position is better than last year. Additional information regarding the audit can be found in the packet.

Approve a Parade Donation of \$500 to Medinah Shriners Mini Choppers Club, monies to be taken from Parade and Festival line

Trustee Stone moved to approve a parade donation of \$500 to Medinah Shriners Mini Choppers Club, seconded by Trustee Corson. Trustee Corson mentioned there will be 12 members of the Shriners mini Choppers Club riding in the parade. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Jurisdictional Road Transfer- County Resolution No. 2022-212 and the Town of Cortland (Somonauk Rd from pavement south of North Ave to pavement south of Barber Greene Rd.) with Conditions.

Trustee Stone moved to approve a Jurisdictional Road Transfer; County Resolution 2022-212, seconded by Trustee Corson. This will execute a jurisdictional transfer of Somonauk Road from North Avenue to Barber Greene Road with conditions. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approved:

Attest: _____

Unfinished Business

TIF Programing: Government use; Government structures; Economic development to develop small businesses.

It was noted that Trustee Stone, who is a resident within the TIF district is prohibited from engaging in discussion or taking action regarding TIF.

Mayor Pietrowski asked the board what specific purposes they would like to see TIF funds be used. The board had mentioned using TIF funds for government uses, government structures and developments to attract small businesses in previous discussions. Mayor Pietrowski mentioned he would like to see the board implement a program which would benefit the residents within the TIF district, outlining of neighborhoods, uplift areas with curbs and driveways to improve values, etc. Trustee Siewierski moved to support the parameters listed with the caveat of adding in residential programs at a later date, seconded by Trustee Fioretto. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion with Trustee Stone abstaining.

Festival & Parade Committee Report

Trustee Corson mentioned the parade is on Sunday, October 9, 2022. He would like to see board presence and involvement in the parade. There will be an umbrella decorating contest to support the theme, "Don't Rain on our Parade."

Department Head Reports

Public Works Director Joel Summerhill reported that four buildings are completed with the new card system. The next board meeting he would like to have all the board members photos for their town ID card. He reported that the water department received its permit for phosphorus removal and will begin that project soon. All insurance claims for the sewer treatment plant liner repair have been completed.

Trustee Stone asked the Engineer about the status of 50 W Maple Ave, the old elementary school. Ms. Williams replied stating the title work has been delivered and the deed will be recorded with the county. No other reports made.

Comments

Trustee Corson mentioned that October 8, 2022, is Candy Day for the Cortland Lions Club. They will be located on Barber Greene Road., Somonauk Road, and at Casey's General Store.

Trustee Siewierski commented on how good finances look this year versus previous years.

Trustee Stone asked where we were with Food Truck Ordinances and Adjudication? Clerk Aldis replied stating the food truck ordinance has been put on hold until we can get the adjudication process up and running. No other comments made.

Mayors Report

Mayor Pietrowski reported that a town staff member has retired. Following the employees wishes the town did not host a party but the retirement was acknowledged with a card and gift certificates. We wished the individual the best of luck.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Exceptions to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6); 5 ILCS 120.2(c)(5) and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)

Trustee Corson moved to adjourn to Executive Session –

Exception to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Setting of a Price for the Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body and,

Exception to Open Meeting Act 5 ILCS 120.2(c)(5), The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired and,

Exception to Open Meeting Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of minutes as mandated by Section 2.06, seconded by Trustee Walker. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion. The Board of Trustees moved to executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Reconvene to Open session

Trustee Corson moved to reconvene to open session, seconded by Trustee Walker. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Possible Action after Executive Session

Authorization of Mayor to Accept Offer for sale of real estate owned by the Town of Cortland (17 lots)

Trustee Corson moved to authorize the Mayor to accept an offer for sale of real estate owned by the Town of Cortland, seconded by Trustee Walker. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes through motion and possible release of closed Executive Session meeting minutes.

Trustee Corson moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 09, 2022, and August 08, 2022, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Trustee Corson moved to release the Executive Session Minutes of November 08, 2021, May 09, 2022, and August 08, 2022, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Adjournment

Trustee Stone moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Walker. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Siewierski
Deputy Clerk