



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

June 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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. Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski called roll showing as present; Mayor Mark Pietrowski, Trustees Charmaine Fioretto, Doug Corson, Brad Stone, Jim Walker and Randi Olson. Shown as absent was Trustee Mike Siewierski. Quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer and Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Police Chief Lin Dargis, Clerk Cheryl Aldis and Attorney Kevin Buick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Olson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Fioretto. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

No public wishing to speak.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Motion to Waive Formal Bidding Requirements for Purchase and Installation of Replacement VFD at Well #4 (*In accordance with 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1; must pass by 2/3 vote*)

Trustee Corson moved to approve the waiving of Formal Bidding Requirements for Purchase and Installation of Replacement VFD at Well #4, seconded by Trustee Walker. Trustee Corson asked where well #4 is located, Mr. Summerhill stated Well #4 is located at the water tower on Maple Avenue.

Voting Yea: Trustees Walker, Corson, Fioretto & Olson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Trustee Stone

Absent: Trustee Siewierski

Motion carried.

2. Approve Estimate of H.I. Stone & Sons for Water Well Drilling in the amount of \$36,420.00 for the Removal and Replacement of VFD at Well #4 and Authorize Mayor to Sign Necessary Documents (*Budgeted Expense from Capital Improvement Fund 07-7400-812*)

Trustee Corson moved to Approve an Estimate of H.I. Stone & Sons for Water Well Drilling in the amount of \$36,420.00 for the Removal and Replacement of VFD at Well #4 and Authorize Mayor to Sign Necessary Documents, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Voting Yea: Trustees Walker, Corson, Fioretto & Olson

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Trustee Stone

Absent: Trustee Siewierski

Motion carried.

3. Motion to Waive \$250.00 Deposit Fee for Cortland Community Park Shelter Reservation for National Multiple Sclerosis Society to be used as a Rest Stop for Bike Fundraiser

Trustee Stone moved to waive \$250.00 deposit fee for Cortland Community Park Shelter Reservation for National Multiple Sclerosis Society to be used as a rest stop for bike fundraiser, seconded by Trustee Olson.

Voting Yea: Trustee Stone, Walker, Corson, Fioretto, & Olson

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Siewierski

Motion carried.

4. Approve the Purchase of Inclusive Play Equipment from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$19,508.74 for an Inclusive Whirl and Zero-G Swing Chairs *(Funding Provided by Approved Grant from DeKalb County Community Foundation in the amount of \$19,200.00 for the Purchase of Inclusive Play Equipment. Remaining Balance Funded by Park Equipment Line)*

Trustee Corson moved to approve the purchase of inclusive play equipment from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$19,508.74 for an Inclusive Whirl and Zero-G Swing Chairs, seconded by Trustee Fioretto.

Voting Yea: Trustee Stone, Walker, Corson, Fioretto, & Olson

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Siewierski

Motion carried.

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5. Motion to Waive \$200.00 Liquor License Fee for the Cortland Lion's Club Summer Fest Liquor License

Trustee Stone moved to waive \$200.00 liquor license fee for the Cortland Lion's Club Summer Fest liquor license, seconded by Trustee Walker.

Voting Yea: Trustee Stone, Walker, Corson, Fioretto, & Olson.

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Siewierski

Motion carried.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fioretto stated the committee will be meeting tomorrow, June 13, 2023. They will be discussing Cortland Community Parks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ms. Williams reported the Somonauk Road resurface project will begin July 10 through August 7, 2023. The bid opening for the Prairiefield Avenue project will be June 28, 2023.

Cheif Dargis reported the Cortland Police Department assisted the Illinois State Police in executing a warrant approximately one week ago. He also mentioned that solicitors are required to have a permit to solicit within town. The Police Department have asked multiple un-permitted solicitors to leave.

Public Works Director, Joel Summerhill stated the current pedestrian path phase between Prairiefield Avenue and Pine Street should be completed within two weeks.

No other reports were made.

COMMENTS

Trustee Corson expressed his opinion on an agenda item, Pride Proclamation in Celebration of Pride Month. Trustee Corson made it clear that he is all for being who you are but believes the proclamation is offensive and is being shoved down our throats. He disagrees and feels it does not belong on the board agenda. Trustee Corson then asked what is the point of the proclamation.

Trustee Stone asked, why as a board do we have to support this, in which Mayor Pietrowski explained that the proclamation is non-binding. June is federally recognized as Pride Month. Mayor Pietrowski also stated a member of the community asked if it could be placed on the agenda as it shows significant importance to him.

Attorney Buick mentioned to the board that the purpose of this is to unify not polarize.

MAYOR'S REPORT

6. Pride Proclamation in Celebration of Pride Month

PROC 2023-02

Mayor Pietrowski proclaimed June 2023, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month within the Town of Cortland.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Corson moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Olson. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Siewierski
Deputy Clerk.