

TOWN OF CORTLAND  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Town Board Meeting  
**August 22, 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski called roll showing as present; Mayor Mark Pietrowski, Trustees Charmaine Fioretto, Randi Olson, Brad Stone and Mike Siewierski. Shown as absent were Trustees Jim Walker and Doug Corson. Quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer and Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Police Chief Lin Dargis, Attorney Kevin Buick and Clerk Cheryl Aldis.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Wishing to Speak**

Kelly Zasada lives in Richland Trails. She had asked why she cannot purchase the property behind her house. Brandy Williams responded by stating she would have the opportunity to purchase the property if presented for sale, but it is zoned for residential use and there must be a primary structure on the lot. It cannot be used for secondary structures like a pool or shed.

Mariann Kaminski asked the board if they would be revisiting the SSA in Richland Trails? She had also asked that with the sale of the 17 lots by the town, will the property value of the homes go up? What about property tax?

Mark Shubert asked the board about the sale of the 17 lots in Richland Trails. Will these lots be required to pay into the SSA? Is there any negotiation on the SSA? Will the sale of the lots reduce the SSA? Can the town revisit the SSA in Richland Trails? The town attorney responded stating the 17 lots will not be included in the SSA but will be a part of the HOA. The sale of the lots will not reduce the amount owed to the SSA.

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Siewierski moved to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022, and August 8, 2022, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

**New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Owned by the Town of Cortland Located Within Richland Trails Subdivision in The Town of Cortland, Illinois**

Trustee Siewierski moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate Owned by the Town of Cortland Located Within Richland Trails Subdivision in the Town of Cortland, seconded by Trustee Olson. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion with two absent. This is the 17 lots along Aspen Dr. in Richland Trails.

**Res No. 2022-08**

Approved:  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat for Robinson Farm P.U.D. Unit 3 Resubdivision of Lot 207 In the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, Illinois**

Trustee Fioretto moved to approve an Ordinance Approving the Final Plat for Robinson Farm P.U.D. Unit 3 Resubdivision of Lot 207 in the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County Illinois, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion with two absent.

**Ord. No. 2022-03**

**An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat for Robinson Farm P.U.D. Unit 5 Resubdivision of Lot 212 In the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County, Illinois**

Trustee Stone moved to Approve an Ordinance Approving the Final Plat for Robinson Farm P.U.D. Unit 5 Resubdivision of Lot 212 in the Town of Cortland, DeKalb County Illinois, seconded by Trustee Siewierski. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion with two absent.

**Ord. No. 2022-04**

**Discussion regarding possible voluntary conveyance of 50 West Maple Avenue**

For discussion only, Brandy Williams spoke with the board about the property at 50 W Maple Ave. After discussing the status and several conversations with the owner, Destan Aliu, he may generously donate the school to the Town of Cortland. He is currently working on processing paperwork and Attorney Kevin Buick is working on the title work through American Title.

**YMCA Survey**

For discussion only, Kishwaukee Family YMCA reached out to Mayor Pietrowski to see if he had interest in a partnership. A survey will be developed to determine what the community would like to see if a partnership took place. This would provide healthy activities and discounted costs for families in town, allow discounted rates for employees and gives access to sports teams for kids in the community. The YMCA offers many opportunities for all ages such as recreational activities, gym memberships, swimming pools, summer camps and group classes. Activities would not likely be held in Cortland.

**TIF District Parameters**

For discussion only, Mayor Pietrowski is looking for concrete parameters on what the board would like TIF money be used for. For this TIF, Trustee Brad Stone is prohibited from engaging in conversation and voting. The board came to a consensus that using TIF money for infrastructure and government use would be best at this time. More discussion to come at the next meeting.

**Festival & Parade Committee Report**

No report was made. Mayor Pietrowski mentioned the Lions Club did take on the committee as a 501(3)(C). This will be the last year the committee events are hosted through the town. He also mentioned that the parade theme this year is "Don't Rain on my Parade" and is scheduled for October 09, 2022. He would like to see a town float and trustee participation in the event.

**Department Head Reports**

Public Works Director Joel Summerhill reported that repairs for cell 4 have been completed. Referencing vehicle accidents, he stated light poles have been ordered; the fire hydrant and light poles will be installed in October. Chief Dargis reported Lucinda is doing well in her new administrative position and the department is now on track for adjudication to take place in the fall. No other reports were made.

**Comments**

Trustee Fioretto had asked Police Chief Lin Dargis about the solar speed signs. He stated one is installed on Prairiefeld Ave and one is installed on Carol Ave, and both are up and functional. No other comments were made.

### **Mayors Report**

#### **Return of the Newsletter in Digital Form and Limited Print**

Mayor Pietrowski reported his first newsletter has gone out and has been placed at the front desk and the library for the month of August. He is working on a process for submission. This newsletter will occur monthly.

#### **Move with the Mayor National Initiative September 1- October 15**

Mayor Pietrowski will be taking part in the national initiative Move with the Mayor. 68 cities in Illinois are taking part. There is an online website to create teams. Mayor Pietrowski is promoting and encouraging heart healthy activities for all ages. He also mentioned, on September 11, 2022, at 3 p.m., there will be a walking event remembering the victims and honoring the heroes. The walk will start at the new pedestrian path at the corner of Cortland Center Rd. and Loves Rd. and will go to the veteran's memorial at Suppeland Park then back to the starting point.

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Siewierski moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Stone. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaity Siewierski  
Deputy Clerk