



**Town of Cortland**  
**Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting**  
Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Road Cortland, IL 60112  
July 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

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**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, Jim Walker, Mike Siewierski, Randi Olson, Brad Stone, and Doug Corson. Quorum was present. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill, Engineer and Zoning Administrator Brandy Williams, Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Police Commander Bruce VanWankum and Attorney Kevin Buick

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK**

Heather Black, on behalf of the Cortland Lions Club, wanted to say Thank You to the board for the contribution to Summer Fest. Heather also stated that the Lions Club is looking for volunteers to work Summerfest. Heather passed around a sign-up sheet to the trustees.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Town Board Minutes of June 26, 2023; Approve Executive Session Minutes of May 22, 2023; Approve Expenditure Report of June 2023 and Accept Treasurers Reports of May and June 2023.

Deputy Clerk Kaity Siewierski read the consent agenda onto the record. Approve Town Board Minutes of June 26, 2023; Approve Executive Session Minutes of May 22, 2023, as read prior to the meeting; Approve Expenditure Report of June 2023 and Accept Treasurers Reports of May and June 2023. Trustee Corson moved to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Trustee Olson.

Voting Yea: Trustees Stone, Siewierski, Walker, Corson, Fioretto, and Olson.

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Roll call vote carried the motion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

2. TIF Discussion

Ms. Williams submitted to the table a four-page TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Application for TIF Benefits Relating to Private TIF Eligible Redevelopment Project Costs document. This is a basic application from Jacob & Klein LTD. Ms. Williams stated that there are no programs at the moment. There is \$85,000 committed to the Somonauk Road Project, and additional funds verbally committed for 50 W Maple and for potential purchase of property. Ms. Williams asked the trustees if they want to investigate different programs to be made available to the community with the remaining funds.

### NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Formal Contract with Peter Baker & Son Co. in the amount of \$172,251.05 for West Prairiefeld Avenue Project

Trustee Olson moved to authorize the mayor to Execute a Formal Contract with Peter Baker & Son Co. in the amount of \$172,251.05 for West Prairiefeld Avenue Project, seconded by Trustee Siewierski.

Voting Yea: Trustees Stone, Siewierski, Corson, Fioretto, and Olson

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Trustee Walker

Roll call vote carried the motion.

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4. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Plat for the Penelope Almaday Subdivision – Unit 2 within Chestnut Grove Unit 1 Subdivision (*Resubdivision Lot 11 Chestnut Grove Subdivision Unit 1*)

Trustee Stone moved to approve a Resolution Approving the Plat for the Penelope Almaday Subdivision – Unit 2 within Chestnut Grove Unit 1 Subdivision (*Resubdivision Lot 11 Chestnut Grove Subdivision Unit 1*), seconded by Trustee Corson.

Voting Yea: Trustees Stone, Siewierski, Walker, Corson, Fioretto, and Olson

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Roll call vote carried the motion.

**Res. 2023-08**

[Clerks note: Exhibit "A" AMS Consultants Job No. 790384SUB consisting of one sheet]

### COMMENTS

Trustee Corson discussed his opinion on the recent change in speed limit(s) along Somonauk Road and surrounding streets. [Clerks note: Ordinance No. 2023-04 passed May 22, 2023] He asked Attorney Buick if the town made this change correctly and if a traffic study should have been conducted. Attorney Buick responded, stating that yes, this was indeed done correctly, and a traffic study was not required in this situation. Ms. Williams responded, stating that local roads do not require a study. It is under the engineer's judgment. She stated that the speed was changed because of numerous accidents, sight lines and visible barriers along with the anticipation of increased foot traffic on Somonauk Road due to the upcoming opening of the splash pad. She also stated that the difference in timing is only 43 seconds. Trustee Corson asked if a 4-way stop could be placed at the intersection of Cortland Center Road and Somonauk Road to prevent some of these issues. Mr. Summerhill commented that stop signs do not regulate speed. A four-way stop could not be used in this situation and location. Trustee Fioretto stated she believes the change in speed was an excellent choice, and she feels safer. Mayor Pietrowski also stated, he has gotten more compliments than complaints for the change in speed. Trustee Coson stated he believes the board made the wrong decision. No other comments were made.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

### 5. Department Head Reports

Public Works, Police Department, and Monthly Permit Reports

No reports made. Department head reports are in the packet.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pietrowski reported that next week there could be a date for the opening of the splash pad. Lots of progress has been made. He is looking forward to having a soft opening soon.

## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Siewierski moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Olson. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kaity Siewierski  
Deputy Clerk