



Town of Cortland

Board of Trustees Town Board Meeting

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

August 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

PRESENTATION

- [1.](#) Banner Up Signs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. TIF Discussion

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- [3.](#) Approval of Cortland Lions Club Special Event – September 9, 2023
- [4.](#) Approve Application for Variance of Town code for Cortland Lions Club Special Event– September 9, in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-4 of Town Code:
Exemptions: D. Community Events – Exemption request for operation during night hours
5. Motion to Confirm Mayor’s Re-Appointment of Commissioner Brad Lawson to the Planning Commission – Term to Expire May 2026
6. Banner Up Signs - Discussion of issues and possible alternatives for repair or replacement of electronic messaging sign

COMMENTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

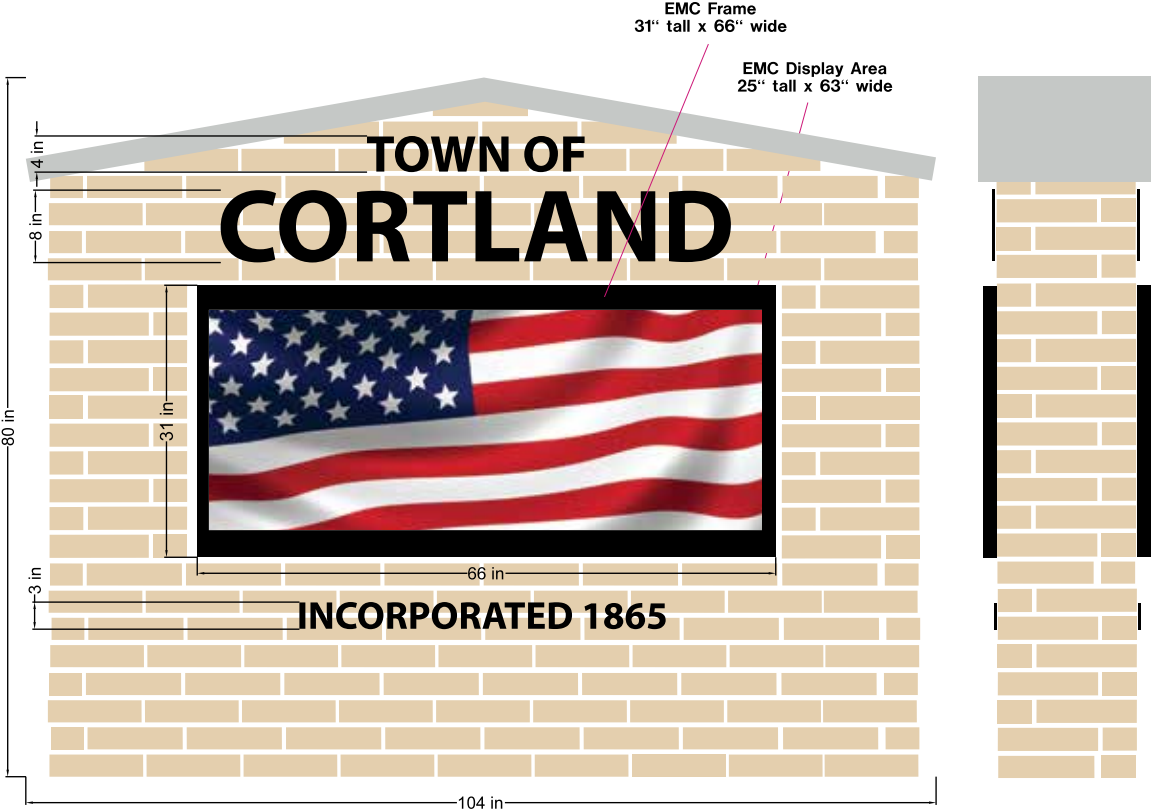
Town of Cortland EMC (8/10/23)

Situation: The current EMC (electronic message center) has a bad controller which is causing the sign to malfunction/not display messages. These 15.86 mm Daktronics displays were installed in July 2017. When originally installed, they carried a 5-year parts warranty. In December of 2020, the controller went out and had to be replaced. 3 years later, the part is now requiring replacement again.

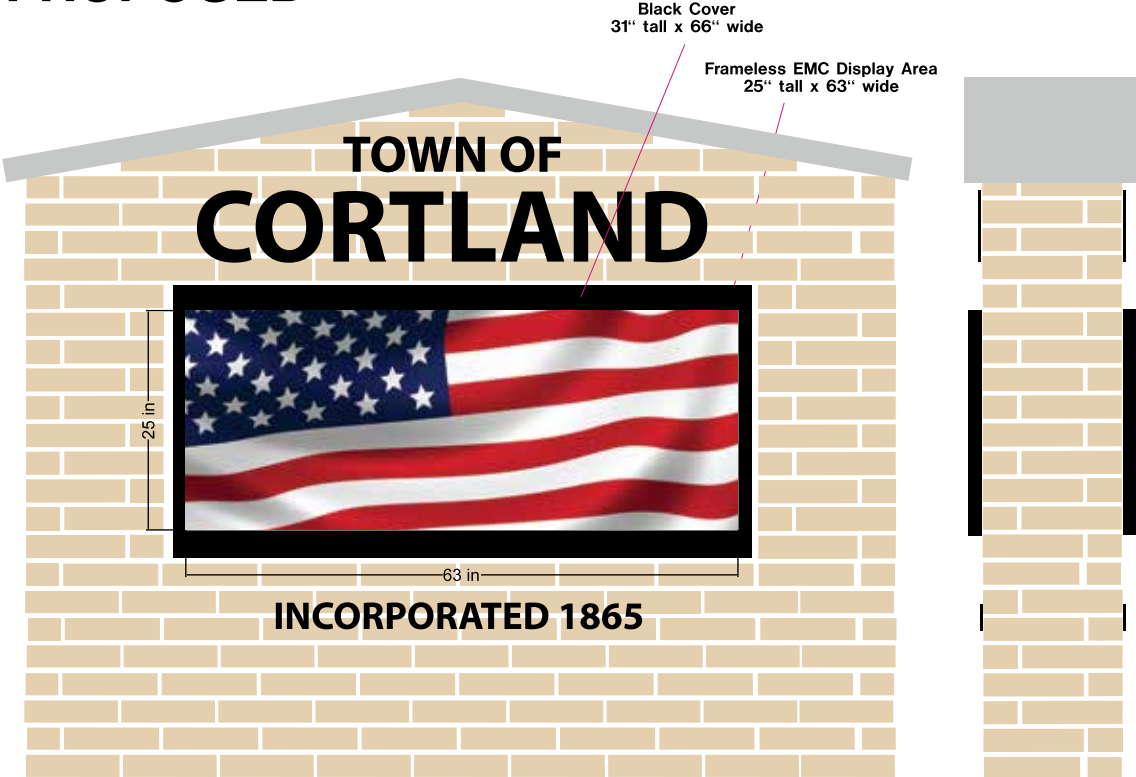
Solutions:

- Daktronics (existing)
 - o Part Replacement. Replace the parts in the existing EMC's. For both options below, Banner Up was going to provide the labor at no charge.
 - Used Part. Replacing the existing control with a refurbished controller will run \$2,160.00. It comes with a 90-day warranty. At time of proposal (8/10/23), there were currently 2 in stock with Daktronics.
 - New Part. A new controller would need to be manufactured. 8 to 12 week lead time. \$2880.00 cost. It comes with a 1 year parts warranty.
 - o Warranty. While the current signs are out of warranty, once the current bad part is replaced, the sign could be re-entered into a 1 or 3 year parts plan. This covers parts only – labor would be additional.
 - 1 year - \$515.00
 - 3 year - \$1290.00
- ThinkSign (new) – Complete replacement allows for upgrading the existing 2017 technology. Newer models allow for tighter pixel ratios (more detailed/clearer display). New displays would be frameless and can be integrated into the existing brick sign structure (actual EMC is the same size as existing but would require a new, recessed black frame that fits into existing opening.
 - o Model Options
 - 10 mm display: \$14,620.00 would get you two new, full color displays.
 - 6 mm displays: \$19,652.00 would get you two new, full color displays.
 - o Warranty:
 - 5 year parts warranty included. 2 year additional warranty optional (additional \$1,812.00 for the 10 mm or \$2,415.00 for the 6mm)
 - o Communication:
 - 4G wireless communication for the signs lifespan included
 - o Install Timeline:
 - 4 to 5 weeks upon contract signing

EXISTING



PROPOSED



Come celebrate the
Cortland Lions
50th
Anniversary
at our 1st annual

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9,
2023
6-10 pm



- ◆ *Dee-Jay playing your favorite hits of the 1950's*
- ◆ *50's diner food—burgers, hot dogs, floats, popcorn, etc.*
- ◆ *Beer garden available*
- ◆ *Dance Contest with prizes*
- ◆ *Cruise Night—featuring classic cars from the 1950's*



Do you have 2 left feet?
Dimensions Dance Academy
will be offering dance lessons
@ 4:30 p.m. to the first 100
people to sign up!



Your \$25 ticket (\$15 for guests under 18)

**Includes one meal ticket
including your drink of choice!**

**To purchase tickets,
contact a Lion or visit**

www.CortlandLions.com



Cortland Lions





CORTLAND IL LIONS CLUB
#524 District 1-J
70 S. Llanos St.
Cortland, IL 60112

August 3, 2023

Town of Cortland Mayor and Trustees,

The Cortland Lions Club has a busy summer of events planned for the community. In addition to SummerFest in August and the Parade in October, we are planning to celebrate our 50th anniversary with a 1950's Sock Hop! The event is to take place on September 9th, from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the Lion's Den.

We would like to include an outdoor area in the park to include a beer garden (I have already spoken with the mayor regarding liquor licensing). We would be looking to temporarily fence off from the north and south ends of the building to the east, with the baseball field fence forming the east border of the enclosure.

We also have several owners of classic 1950's automobiles wanting to bring their cars for a 'cruise night'. Our hope was that we could utilize a portion of the baseball field for the vehicles, leaving the parking lot open for guests.

In addition, as the event will go past 9:00, we are also seeking a variance to the noise ordinance.

Attached is a flyer for the event.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan Black
Secretary
Cortland Lions #524

Application for Variance of Town Code

Applicant: Cortland Lions Club

Event: **Cortland Lions Club 50th Anniversary
September 9, 2023, 6:00 – 10:00 P.M.
Cortland Community Park 70 S Llanos Street**

Requested Variance: Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-4 Exemptions: D. Community Events
Exemption to add night hours - until 12:00 a.m. (Section 5-4-2 B)

Standards for Variance:

1. The proposed variance of the requirements would result in great practical difficulties or hardship to the applicant;
The purpose of the community event is to celebrate the Lions Clubs 50th Anniversary
2. Strict application of the requirements would result in great practical difficulties or hardship to the applicant;
Music may play until the end of the event at 10:00 P.M.
3. The proposed variance is the minimum deviation from such requirements that shall alleviate the difficulties/hardship;
10:00 P.M. would be the minimum deviation.
4. The plight of the applicant is due to peculiar circumstances not of his own making;
Holding the event is supported by the Town and hours are reasonable for a community event.
5. The peculiar circumstances engendering the variance request are not applicable to other property within the district, and therefore, that a variance would be a more appropriate remedy than an amendment;
The request only affects this event and therefore, the variance is the appropriate remedy.
6. The variance, if granted, shall not alter the essential character of the area where the premises in question are located.
The variance will not alter the essential character of the area. The variation is not permanent, and the event is consistent with the small-town character the Town Board is attempting to perpetuate.

Applicant Signature, Title

Approved this ___ Day of _____, 2023

Attest:

Mark Pietrowski, Mayor

Cheryl Aldis, Town Clerk