

MINUTES OF CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 17, 2010 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved June 21, 2010

Supervisor, Jon Kavanaugh, called the regular monthly meeting of the Cordova Township Board of Trustees to order at 7 p.m. in the Cordova Township Office on May 17, 2010.

Present: Jon Kavanaugh, Supervisor, JoAnne Boone, Robert Coers and Gary Hanna, Trustees. Morris McLaughlin, Trustee, joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Also present: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, Pam Bruner Cordova Cemetery and Civic Center Manager and Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner. Rich Morthland, Rock Island County Board Member was also in attendance.

Supervisor Kavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the May 17, 2010, corrected minutes of the Cordova Township regular monthly meeting. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Communications:

- A. **Police Contract:** Supervisor Kavanaugh spoke with Mayor Van Hooreweghe regarding the 2010-2011 police contract. He told him that the Township's budget was very tight due to a 17.3% decrease in our Personal Property Tax Revenue and the upcoming remodeling project for the Civic Center bathrooms. Therefore, the Township would not be able to contribute more than the amount given last year which was \$3,202.50 per month.
- B. **Citizens Wishing to Address the Board:** Rich Morthland stated that he tries to attend as many different board meetings as his schedule allows. He wanted to know if he could assist the Township in any way. What are the current issues or concerns? Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that IMRF is creating a burden on taxpayers. It is a great program if you are the recipient of such a pension. IMRF lost a significant portion of their funds due to the stock market downturn last year and those companies which belong to IMRF like the Township are now being required to replace the losses. Supervisor Kavanaugh talked to IMRF and was told that no one can get out of IMRF. Current companies are responsible for repayment of the losses. Jon asked Rich to help with any legislation which would allow companies to get out of continuing with their current pension system.

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

The Road District statements of revenue and expenses for April, 2010, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the April, 2010, Road

District bills. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Town Fund statements of revenue and expenses for April, 2010, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to approve for payment the April, 2010, Town Fund bills. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The General Assistance statements of revenue and expenses for April, 2010, were reviewed. There were no expenses for General Assistance in April.

The Civic Center statements of revenue and expenses for April, 2010, were reviewed. Jon Kavanaugh, made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve for payment the Civic Center bills as presented for April, 2010. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for April, 2010, were reviewed. Robert Coers, made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue for April, 2010. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Cemetery Report:

Cemetery Rules and Regulations: Pam Bruner, Cemetery Manager, submitted the following clarifications for the Cemetery Rules regarding veteran markers:

Memorial—Granite

4. All granite memorial markers (not bases) must be a minimum of 4" in thickness, with granite markers five feet or longer being a minimum of 6 " in thickness. No monument shall exceed 4 feet in height and not more than 12" in width. All monuments will be placed on a foundation of solid concrete extending to the depth of five feet three inches and extending six inches beyond the monument on all sides. All foundations must be kept precisely on the lot line and in no case extend out in the walk between the adjoining lot and the drive between the blocks. All foundations must be kept level with the surrounding sod.

Single Monument—No single monument will exceed 2 feet by 4 feet. This not to exceed measurement must include the required foundation requirement of six inches of cement around the monument. (We currently have in the cemetery single markers ranging from 23" to 52" or just under 2 feet to 4 feet 4 inches. A plot is 4 feet 6 inches.)

Double Monument—No double monument will exceed 2 feet by 6 feet. This not to exceed measurement must include the required foundation requirement of six inches of cement around the monument. (We currently have in the cemetery double markers ranging from 4 feet to 6 feet 6 inches. A double plot is 9 feet.)

6. **Veteran Markers**—All veteran markers must be placed at the headstone and placed in the required foundation.

Jon Kavanaugh, made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to accept changes #4 and #6 as additions to the Cordova Cemetery Rules. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Also, discussed was the current status of the Cemetery well. Dale Schultze has looked at the pump and estimates it will need \$200-\$300 worth of parts to fix it. The pump does not get used for six months out of the year which is hard on it. Also discussed was the possibility of attaching to the village water system.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report for the Board.

Bathroom Project: Pam has received a verbal bid for the bathroom project which includes prevailing wage of \$43,000 (\$37,900 without prevailing wage). She will continue to get bids. Road Commissioner Filbert commented that the difference in the amounts due prevailing wage was ridiculous.

Funeral Rental: This topic was continued from last meeting. Jon Kavanaugh, made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, that if the Cordova Baptist Church facilities are insufficient for funeral luncheons then the Civic Center regular rental fee will have to be paid. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Community Events:

Police Report and Finance Report: The Village police report and financial reports were received. Police have been very visible around the community. The budget for township police coverage will remain the same as last year--\$3,202.50 per month.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Filbert had submitted a written report to the Board. She stated that there had been some misuse of the Road District dumpsters used for the township cleanup weekend held on May 13-15. This is a service provided for just Cordova Township residents. Discussion was held as to how to handle future clean up weekends. There will be a Highway Commissioners Conference held August 1-3 in Peoria. Let Chris know if anyone would like to attend. Also Chris and Jon Filbert will be hosting a fund-raising open house for Rich Morthland from 1 – 3 p.m. on June 19.

Community:

Youth Committee: No report.

Senior Committee: No report.

Non-township Program Participation Registration Fees: The board discussed keeping this policy the same as last year—allowing Cordova residents the first chance for

enrollment. Then after the initial sign-up time requirement passes, allowing any one to enroll. These classes will be offered for free.

Cordova Township Park District: Supervisor Kavanaugh has the park district petition which needs 100 signatures by the end of the month. There are 233 registered voters and he would like to obtain approximately 125 signatures. Candidates wishing to run for the proposed park district board are also needed. These candidates will also have to get their own signatures in order to appear on the ballot.

New Business:

Supervisor's Comments: Mosquito abatement was again approved at the annual town meeting. Jon contacted the spraying service who will try to spray on next Thursday or Friday depending on the weather. We need to put the pressure on our legislators to change the law if an entity wants to leave the IMRF system. With the current law, there is "no way out."

2010-2011 Budget: Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that the bathroom project funds would come from Town Fund, Civic Center and Road and Bridge budgets. We will have two meetings next month on June 21. The first one at 7 p.m. will be the public hearing for the 2010-2011 tentative budgets; the second one, our regular township meeting at which the budget will be approved.

Open Meeting Act Designees: The board selected Supervisor Jon Kavanaugh and Clerk Sandy Gustafson to take the online course on the Open Meeting Act which is required by the State.

IMRF: This issue was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Timmer & Associates: Kim Hoffman will be at the township office on May 18 and 19 to perform the annual audit.

Any other business to come before the Board that will be added on next month's agenda: Police contract, 2010-2011 Budget, Prevailing Wage

Adjournment:

Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Jon Kavanaugh, to adjourn this meeting. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk