

MINUTES OF CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 19, 2011 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved October 17, 2011

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 September 19, 2011.

Present: Supervisor Jon Kavanaugh, JoAnne Boone, Robert Coers, Morris McLaughlin and Bonnie Hanna, Trustees.

Also present: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, Pam Bruner, Civic Center and Cemetery Manager, Road Commissioner Chris Filbert, Margaret Bennett, Kenneth McCool, Phyllis Tysma, Emily Jo Bruner, Lyle Ernst, John Filbert, Paul Bruner, Ray Tysma, Richard Belouski, Cheryl Ward, Glenda Belouski, John Myers, Dave Jasper, Sid Baumgartner, Terry Young and Patsy Fidlar.

Supervisor Kavanaugh led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the August 15, 2011, minutes of the Cordova Township regular monthly meeting. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Communications:

TOI Annual Education Conference: Sandra Gustafson, Clerk, asked the Board to let her know who would like to attend the TOI Conference in Springfield on November 6-8. Morris McLaughlin stated that he would like to attend.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board: Bruce Wood stated that the current police coverage is limited to only 20 hours per week. He encouraged residents to call 911 and Rock Island County will respond. He asked the Township Board to consider sending out the revised "Township of Cordova Police Assessment and Opinion Survey."

Other citizens also commented on the police coverage expressing various concerns and issues. There were those feeling that the Township should disband from the Village contract and go with Rock Island County coverage; others felt that the Village should "get their act together" and manage their own local police department. Still others stated that we should not contract with Rock Island County because we already pay for coverage from them through our Rock Island County tax payments.

Supervisor Kavanaugh was asked to explain the existing Intergovernmental Agreement that the Township has with the Village. He said it began in 1976, the Township pays for roughly half the police salaries and the Village owns all the equipment. There is a clause within the agreement that either party can withdraw from the contract by providing a one-month notice.

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

The Road District statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2011, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to approve for payment the August, 2011, Road District bills. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Town Fund statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2011, were reviewed. Robert Coers made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve for payment the August, 2011, Town Fund bills. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The General Assistance statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2011, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the General Assistance financials for August, 2011, for payment. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Civic Center statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2011, were reviewed. JoAnne Boone made a motion, seconded by Jon Kavanaugh, to approve for payment the Civic Center bills as presented for August, 2011. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2011, were reviewed. Jon Kavanaugh, made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2011. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Cemetery Report: Pam Bruner, Cemetery Manager, submitted a written report to the Board. We are following the law by having families sign paperwork before interment takes place. Deeds are now being printed by Clinton Printing and will be ready soon.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report to the Board. The ice machine cannot be fixed. The freon must be evacuated before disposal. Supervisor Kavanaugh said to throw it away in the fall dumpster pick up. Also, there is a 1-800 number for appliance disposal which could be used. Pam will continue to work on obtaining bids for new locks for the Civic Center.

Several contractors stated that they were not interested in bidding on the Civic Center gutters due to having to comply with prevailing wage. Supervisor Kavanaugh said that this job would be just a standard bid without prevailing wage due to the overall cost not meeting the prevailing wage minimum. Pam will contact these contractors again.

Police Report and Village Finance Reports: None

Supervisor Kavanaugh attended the new Police Advisory Board meeting on September 6, 2011. He stated that Rock Island County Sheriff's Office provides Cordova with police coverage. He asked Trustee Hanna for her comments as she also was in attendance at that meeting. She said she is leaning toward the standard Rock Island County police coverage provided by our county taxes. The Village has the ways and means to hire one full-time and one part-time police officer, and she originally thought that was what they should do. After listening to the people in attendance at tonight's meeting, however, she feels she wants to go with what the people want and that is the standard Rock Island County Sheriff's Office coverage. Trustee Robert Coers agrees. Supervisor Kavanaugh also feels the same and stated that the operation of a local police department seems to be a management issue. The County hires full-time officers for a 40-hour work week and mutual aid will be provided by the closest officer. The Rock Island County Sheriff's Office already has a successful police department in place.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Filbert had submitted a written report to the Board and had nothing additional to add.

Community: Flu shots will be given on October 17 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Once again a free chicken dinner will be given to those receiving a flu shot. Chicken, choice of salad, drink and tip will be included in the \$7 dinner which was approved at last month's meeting. The Drifter's Café will be providing the meal.

Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, announced that movie nights will be scheduled. Look for a schedule in the upcoming newsletter.

Youth Committee: Trustee Boone stated that the Cordova Library will be having the second art class in October.

Senior Committee: No report.

Cordova Township Park District: The Intergovernmental Agreement needs to be finalized and set.

New Business:

Police Contract Options: There currently is no notice of termination, and such notice has to be made one month in advance according to the existing contract. Supervisor Kavanaugh and Trustee Coers both feel that the Cordova Township Board should only give an opinion regarding their feeling at this time. **Opinion of the Cordova Township Board:** If the Village decides to contract with Rock Island County, then we are not interested in hiring Rock Island County for additional coverage.

Police Survey: Supervisor Kavanaugh said that when the Village Board voted "No" to sending out the survey, then it became a non-applicable issue. Jon Kavanaugh, made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, approving that Cordova Township not participate in sending out the "Township of Cordova Police Assessment and Opinion Survey." Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Next Newsletter: The Road & Bridge District dumpster will be at the Civic Center on October 14-17. The Village will be invited to once again take advantage of the secure location at the Civic Center. The newsletter will be mailed out the beginning of October.

Levy 2012-2013: Supervisor Kavanaugh asked the Board to begin thinking about the upcoming levy.

Supervisor's Comments: Jon contacted Frank's Flying service about another mosquito spray for fall. There will not be any additional mosquito abatement for this year as the plane is being repaired for mechanical problems.

Supervisor Kavanaugh brought up the idea of using digital cameras to assist in crime prevention. This could help with slowing down crime problems.

The recent Erie School District questionnaire was discussed. The Board members were encouraged to talk to people and obtain opinions for future discussion.

Any other business to come before the Board that will be added on next month's agenda: Termination of Police Contract and Chicken Dinner Check

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk