

MINUTES OF CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 21, 2011 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved December 19, 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 November 21, 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 and Road Commissioner, Chris Filbert.

Supervisor Kavanaugh led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Bonnie Hanna made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to approve the October 17, 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: Morris McLaughlin, Bonnie Hanna and Sandra Gustafson all attended the conference. They commented that there was concern about the recent attacks against township government as well as the use of electronics and email in government. It was also stated that the State is trying to “soften” the Cemetery Oversight Act especially for the smaller cemeteries. The attendees all felt that their conference attendance was extremely worthwhile.

Ann's Helping Hands: The Clerk read a thank you letter from Ann's Helping Hands for the recent Township donation.

2012 Educational District Meetings: The Clerk reminded the Board of the upcoming TOI educational meetings conducted throughout the State. We are in District 7, and that meeting will be held on July 12 in Rockford.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board: None

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

The Road District statements of revenue and expenses for October, 2011, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve for payment the October, 2011, Road District bills. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried. Trustee McLaughlin questioned a purchase from Reliable Communications. Road Commissioner Filbert stated that the purchase was for two portable radios in case cell phone service would ever go down. The radios are for emergency back-up use.

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

The General Assistance statements of revenue for October, 2011, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the General Assistance financials for October, 2011. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried. Morris McLaughlin questioned whether the General Assistance Fund could be used to help offset some of the legal bills from the Town Fund. Supervisor Kavanaugh will report back on this at next month's meeting.

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

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for October, 2011, were reviewed. JoAnne Boone, made a motion, seconded by Jon Kavanaugh, to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for October, 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. Deeds will be caught up this week. Several issues are being worked out with the plots of Gregory/Crawford (what name are plots to be in?), Ryan (mismarked in '06), Morthland (Veteran's marker) and Sanquist (wrong name).

Mowing bids are due by December 1 and will be available to the Board at December's meeting. Sharon McCool was directed to report the theft of shepherds' hooks to the Rock Island Sheriff's Department.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report to the Board. The Elvis impersonator had about 60 people in attendance. The new gutters on the Civic Center will be completed by Tuesday, November 22. The Cordova Boosters would like to use the Civic Center on December 4 for their Christmas Party. The Board discussed the lock situation at the Civic Center and wondered if a "fingerprint" entry system might be a possibility.

Police Report and Village Finance Reports: None

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Filbert had submitted a written report to the Board. Chris reported that she will have to raise the 2012 Road & Bridge Levy to 8% because the State is requiring that she collect a minimum of 8% Motor Fuel Tax. If she does not implement this raise in MFT, Cordova cannot receive MFT in the future. The public hearing will be held on December 19 at 6:50 at the Township Office.

Trustee Coers asked Road Commissioner Filbert about tree trimming on 192. She stated that she will have to hire a professional to do the high trimming as it is not safe for Steve to do.

Community:

Youth Committee: No report.

Senior Committee: No report.

Cordova Township Park District: The Park District will be moving its meetings to the Cordova Library.

\$5,000 Park District Request: Supervisor Kavanaugh reported that the Park District has requested a no-interest loan from Cordova Township in the amount of \$5,000. This loan would be used for a computer purchase, filing cabinets, supplies, etc. and would be paid back when their first tax distribution is received. Jon Kavanaugh, made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin to approve a \$5,000 no-interest loan for the Cordova Park District repayable within one month after their first Rock Island County tax payment is received. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

2012-2013--Township/Road and Bridge Levies: Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that we do not want to cut back too much. We should wait and see about future police situations, cameras or IMRF. The Road & Bridge District does have to run a black box "Truth in Taxation" due to the Motor Fuel requirement imposed by the State.

Food Baskets—Need has increased 25% over last year: Morris McLaughlin, made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve a \$1,000 donation for Food Baskets with the check to be cut tonight. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Comments: Nothing additional to add.

Any other business to come before the Board that will be added on next month's agenda

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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk