

MINUTES OF CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 16, 2012 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved February 20, 2012

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 January 16, 2012.

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.

Robert Coers made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the December 19, 2011, Road & Bridge Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Increase Minutes. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to approve the December 19, 2011, Cordova Township Regular Monthly Minutes. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Communications:

First Baptist Church: The Clerk circulated a thank you note from the First Baptist Church for the Township's food basket donation.

Village Property for Sale: Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that he had received a letter from the Village listing real estate properties the Village had for sale. One property is the old school property which is adjacent to part of the Township property. Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that he had also forwarded the letter to the Cordova Park District. Trustee Hanna asked if the Township might be interested in purchasing any of the Village property. The Board did not seem to think they had a need for any of the property at this time.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board: None

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

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

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

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

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for December, 2011, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for December, 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. The Board had discussed at last month's meeting the 2012 Cemetery mowing/caretaker contract bids. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the hiring of West's Lawn Care and Snow Removal for the 2012 mowing and care taking of the Cemetery at a weekly cost of \$250 for mowing and \$100 for care taking. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Pam will be attending the AIC Conference on January 19 and 20. She will obtain the latest legislation and updates on Illinois cemetery operation.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report to the Board. Pam announced that it is time to think about the next Township newsletter. She wants to set a deadline and would like everyone to stick to it. She would like all articles to be submitted to her by April 20, and then she will be able to get the newsletter mailed around April 27. Dates for the dumpster will be selected for inclusion in the newsletter.

Pam will be arranging for the removal for the non-functioning icemaker.

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

Community: Pam will be contacting the local non-profit organizations to see if they would want to participate in sharing possible "movie dates." She will see what kind of participation response is received before purchasing a movie license. Information about "movie dates" will also be included in the newsletter.

Youth Committee: No report.

Senior Committee: No report.

Cordova Township Park District: Supervisor Kavanaugh had attended the Cordova Park District meeting which was held on December 28. The Township owns the Park District property, but because there are two separate Boards, each Board (Township and Park District) must have their own insurance coverage. Jon had called TOIRMA to check on this. The Township will have to maintain the structures, and the Park District will hire the Road District to mow and care for the grounds. The equipment belongs to the Road District, and they will take care of the equipment. The Park District will pay the Road District for their labor. The tennis courts will still be a part of the Township, however. An intergovernmental agreement will be drawn up thus clearing up what has always been a “gray” area for the Road District. This will become the right tax for the right purpose.

New Business:

2012 Riverdale After-Prom Contribution Request: Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to approve \$100 donation to the 2012 Riverdale After-Prom. 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: Park Board Intergovernmental Agreement, Begin the transfer to the Park District including the Bike Path, Cordova Alaska—sister city?

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 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk