

MINUTES OF CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 18, 2013 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved April 15, 2013

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 March 18, 2013.

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

Also present: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, and Pam Bruner, Cemetery and Civic Center Manager, Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Belouski and Dave Jasper.

Supervisor Kavanaugh led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna to approve the February 18, 2013, Cordova Township Regular Meeting Minutes. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Communications:

Erie After-Prom Parents Association Donation Request: JoAnne Boone made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers to donate \$100 to the Erie After-Prom Parents Association. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bulowski addressed the Board regarding their concern over the actions of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. The Bulowski's have property bordering the railroad's property. The Canadian Pacific is requesting an increase in speed from 10 mph to 25 mph from Cordova to a little north of 3M. This increase in class/speed will go into effect on April 1. Because of the request for the increase in speed, the Railroad had to make required improvements to the track to handle the increase of speed plus also meet a larger a line-of-sight requirement. This will cause approximately 30 of Bulowski's trees to be removed that are on Bulowski's property (not the railroad's.) Apparently, there are some other ways to solve the situation rather than taking down so many trees, but studies have to be completed first. The studies cannot be done with the start date already being set for April 1. The Bulowski's wanted the Board to know that they have done a great deal of research, calling and talking but to no avail. Road Commissioner Filbert has also been involved and been trying to provide assistance. Fire Chief Smalley has been working on this situation from the safety issue—hazardous material is being transported on those tracks all the time and the speed increase should not be allowed. It is hoped that this safety issue might bring some resolve. Supervisor Kavanaugh suggested calling the State representatives, too.

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

The Road District statements of revenue and expenses for February, 2013, were reviewed. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to approve for payment the February, 2013, Road District bills which also include the IMRF obligation, a Frontier bill for \$44.73 and a Visa bill for \$79.03. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Town Fund statements of revenue and expenses for February, 2013, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve for payment the February, 2013, Town Fund bills. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The General Assistance statements of revenue for February, 2013, were reviewed. Robert Coers, made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the General Assistance financials for February, 2013. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Civic Center statements of revenue and expenses for February, 2013, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve for payment the Civic Center bills as presented for February, 2013. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2013, were reviewed. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for February, 2013. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Cemetery Report: Pam Bruner, Cemetery Manager, had submitted a written report to the Board. She stated that the Cemetery shed has been backed into which has resulted in damage to one of the posts and attaching roof structure. Supervisor Kavanaugh asked Pam to call TOIRMA first and verify our insurance coverage before proceeding with any work on the shed; this damage should be covered. Tom Border, new Cemetery Groundskeeper and Caretaker has looked at the shed. He stated that he could repair it for time and materials not to exceed \$500. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Robert Coers, to authorize Tom Border to repair the damages to the Cemetery shed--not to exceed \$500. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

In order to be compliant with cemetery laws, Pam reported that the Cemetery must begin to offer two forms of payment for the customer--check, money order, credit card or cash. Pam will be getting more information about this.

Trustee McLaughlin mentioned that the flagpole should get re-stringed and operational. Several places will be checked for a crane to help with this project.

Supervisor Kavanaugh reported on the proposed new veterans' memorial which is in the planning stage. TOI recommends starting raising funds through a fundraiser of selling bricks for about \$100 each. If necessary, use tax funds at the end of the project. This type of fundraiser generates a positive feedback from the community, too. Jon distributed some information he had obtained from Lucky Monument.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, had submitted a written report to the Board. Trustee McLaughlin noticed that the outlet by the new hand washing sink is not a GFI. Pam will have Herb Carlson take care of that.

Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to waive the cleaning fee for the Fire Department's Steak Dinner on April 6. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Water Softener Bid: Peterson Plumbing will be here this week to assess the building for a water softener installation.

A quote for an ice rental machine was received. The Board thought it was quite high and commented that if we get a water softener, we might be able to purchase our own ice machine much cheaper.

West Way approached Pam about the possibility of offering a Kid's Fishing Derby. Also, there might be a possibility of working with Illinois Home Extension for some seminars and Webinars. Pam will try to arrange a Container Gardening seminar.

Supervisor Kavanaugh reported that TOIRMA prefers electric ovens rather than gas. There must be a hood installed, and it must be installed according to code. The Civic Center upgrade will be placed on next fiscal year's budget.

Pam reported that there will be a Family Fun Day held at the park on June 29. This event is still in the planning stages, but there will be some kind of a lunch held. More information will be coming on this event.

Road Commissioner's Report: Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner, had submitted a written report to the Board. Road Commissioner Filbert stated that Clean Line will be discussed at the County level. The LED sign was operational for several days, but now is waiting for some repair—the computer is not allowing the words on the sign to be changed. The construction work on the new culvert will start after the Exelon outage. This work will take 45 days and will be a one-lane project.

Community:

Youth/Senior Committee: Metro bus service is willing to stop in Cordova. There has been a grant awarded for this service. The bus will be making stops in Hampton, Port Byron and Exelon. Supervisor Kavanaugh will look into this further. This is a great opportunity for our community. Where the bus will stop and pick up and let off passengers needs to be decided as well as if any waivers might be needed. This will be on next month's agenda.

New Business:

Annual Town Meeting Agenda Adoption: The Board had no changes to the agenda presented. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda for April 16, 2013. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Cordova Township Scholarship (Riverdale) Recipient Selection: The Board voted on the Riverdale Scholarship applicants. A tie in the voting occurred. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to approve the awarding of the scholarship to the two applicants who were tied in the voting. This year scholarship will go to applicants C and D. Ayes: Boone, Coers, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Town Fund and Road & Bridge Budgets for 2013/2014: The Board will continue to plan for the upcoming budget discussion. Budget hearings will be at the June meeting.

Supervisor's Comments: Road Commissioner Filbert stated that she will talk to Rock Island County about how to get the Voter Trolley to come to Cordova for the Consolidated Election in April.

Any other business to come before the Board that will be added on next month's agenda: Metro Bus, Budgets, Erie Scholarship, Kids Pumpkin Growing, June Budget Hearing

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 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk