

MINUTES CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 18, 2008 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved March 17, 2008

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 February 18, 2008.

Present: Jon Kavanaugh, Supervisor; JoAnne Boone, William Burns, Jr., Gary Hanna, and Morris McLaughlin, Trustees

Also present: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner, Rich Wallen, Police Chief and Lois Case, Cemetery Board President

Supervisor Kavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2008, Cordova Township regular monthly meeting. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Communications:

- A letter from the Erie After Prom Committee requesting a donation had been sent out in the Board packets. At last month's meeting, the Board voted to donate \$100 to the Riverdale After Prom event. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to donate \$100 to the Erie After Prom Committee. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.
- A letter from the Riverdale PTA requesting a donation for new playground equipment had also been sent out to the Board members. There was no interest in donating to this fundraiser.
- **Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board:** Lois Case, Cordova Cemetery Board President, stated that the Cemetery Board has had three work nights, and they are currently working on the last names which begin with a "D". They have had two people show interest in the sexton position, Brooke Floming and Kitka Lindburg. Eleanor Nelson and Lois Case have stated that they are not interested in working on the Board again after their terms are up. Jon will talk to Susan Vincent. When asked her opinion about whether the Cemetery should be run by a separate board or the Township Board, she thought it would be better run by its own board because of the separation of funds. The salaries for the sexton and Cemetery Board members are set by the State.

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

The Road District and Equipment and Building statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2008, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr. to approve for payment the February, 2008, bills. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Town Fund statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2008, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve for payment the February, 2008, bills. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The General Assistance statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2008, were reviewed. JoAnne Boone made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin to approve the statements of revenue for February, 2008. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Civic Center statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2008, were reviewed. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve for payment the bills for February, 2008. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Cemetery Board Report: The report was already given during Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board. Jon Kavanaugh, Supervisor, will attend the Cemetery Board's meeting tomorrow. He would like to discuss the issues of what board should run the Cemetery, who wishes to continue to work on the Board, and how should the Cordova Cemetery be operated.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, presented a written report. Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that there had been some front door damage to the Civic Center after the January 26 event. The security deposit will not be returned; also a bill for an additional \$13.80 will be issued. The Board discussed the facts that the entry door is old and non-ADA compliant. It does not have a ramp or automatic opener inside and out, etc. Three bids have been received for a new entry door. In addition to a new door, some electrical and carpentry work will also be needed.

Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, to approve up to \$7,500 for a new front door for the Civic Center. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Pam stated that some of the lights in both the men and women's restrooms will need replacing. When the electrician is here for the new entry door, Jon will have the electrician look at the restroom lighting.

Bids have been obtained for new tables. Further discussion on this will continue at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Supervisor Kavanaugh expressed concern about the large amounts of ice and snow sliding off the roof on the back side of the Civic Center. He asked Chris Filbert to ask Tom Rogers about the installation of roof clips to help prevent some of the sliding.

Police Committee Report: A written report was submitted and mailed out in the Board packets. Police Chief Wallen stated that the new police car has been ordered and, it will be about 60 days before it arrives. Supervisor Kavanaugh took this time to discuss what had been found out about the formation of a Police Protection District. After much research done by Morris McLaughlin, Jon Kavanaugh and the Township Attorney, it was discovered a district could not be formed without going through Rock Island County. The current arrangement, however, is absolutely fine. The attorney's advice is to continue with the existing police contract.

Jon also stated that the Garbage District which was also being researched cannot be formed with the Township. It also cannot include a Road District. It could, however, be worked out through the municipality at some point.

Road Commissioner's Report: Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner, stated that she had nothing to add to her written report. She did, however, want to thank Jon and Sherry Kavanaugh for their donation of an aggregate planter.

Winter Training: The rescheduled date for Winter Training will be on Tuesday, March 11, at 6 p.m. at the Lodge in Port Byron.

Cordova Township Website: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, stated that the website still needs a lot of work.

New Business:

Intergovernmental Agreement with Cordova Fire Department: Jon Kavanaugh commented that the Intergovernmental agreement is still a work in progress.

April 8 Town Meeting Agenda: It looks like the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on April 8 will be about the same as last year.

Civic Center Entry Door: This was discussed in the Civic Center Report.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor Kavanaugh's written report was sent out in the Board packets. Supervisor Kavanaugh commented about the new sign/planter which the Road District is planning to erect at the park entrance. Chris Filbert is looking for some additional input into colors, design and wording on the sign. Tom Rogers will be doing the construction. Board members are asked to look at the website www.springvalleysigns.com for more information. Chris would like to get this project underway soon.

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

Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to adjourn. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk