

MINUTES CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 15, 2008 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved October 20, 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 September 15, 2008.

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

Also present: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, Pam Bruner, Civic Center and Cemetery Manager, Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner and Charlie Tague, Cordova/Port Byron Assessor.

Supervisor Kavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve the August 18 minutes of the Cordova Township Regular Meeting. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Communications:

A letter from Riverdale CUSD #100 had been distributed to the Board in their packets. No action was taken.

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk, reminded the Board of the TOI Educational Conference coming up in November. If interested in attending, please let her know.

Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board: Charlie Tague, Cordova/Port Byron Assessor spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming Erie Area Park District vote that Cordova residents in the Erie School District will have in November. Charlie looked up tax records for four area park districts and Prophetstown's seems to be the most comparable to the proposed one for Erie. That tax rate is .3829 which relates to a taxpayer having to pay \$.38 per every one hundred dollars. A taxpayer, who has a \$300,000 fair market assessed home, would pay \$380 in taxes for the new park district. This is just a comparison as the actual rate is yet to be determined. There is a possibility that the rate could go as high as \$.60 per one hundred dollars. Assessor Tague also mentioned that the Assessment Change Notices will be mailed on October 4. The State/County has added a 3% factor above what Charlie had already figured.

The Clerk read a letter from Ross Gordon Reeh commending Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, for the excellent service provided him for an event he had at the Civic Center on August 8, 2008.

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

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

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

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

The Civic Center statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2008, were reviewed. Jon Kavanaugh stated that the tables had been delivered but were dropped by the trucking company during delivery. New tables will be arriving this week. The check for payment of those tables will be held until the new tables arrive. Bill Burns, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Jon Kavanaugh, to approve for payment the August, 2008, Civic Center bills as presented. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for August, 2008, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to approve for payment the Cemetery bills as presented for August, 2008. Ayes: Boone, Burns, 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. Half of the fence has been completed and repaired. Supervisor Kavanaugh asked Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner, if the remaining old posts in the other half of the fence could be pulled out and new ones put back in the same holes with the Road District's loader tractor. Troy will stay on another week or two to finish the fence project.

Morris McLaughlin has been able to take the old saved Cemetery data and incorporate the data into a new spreadsheet which will be of great assistance to the operation of the Cemetery. Pam has been reworking the Cemetery map. Pam will have to do some refiguring of the map where the gazebo is located as that ground was never removed from the map. Each grave will now have its own deed. More deeds will have to be purchased.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report for the Board. Old Civic Center hold-over deposits have been sent back with the

exception of one to a Ron Heeron. No address can be found for this person; it will be turned over to the Illinois State Treasurer's Office for unclaimed funds.

Police Committee Report: Police Chief Wallen had submitted a written report which was mailed in the Board packets.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Filbert had submitted a written report to the Board. Chris stated that the cost of salt is now \$130 per ton. She had requested 400 tons for this year in the State contract but can drop the request down to 70% of that amount if she wishes. At this time, she feels that is what she will do and try to make that amount of salt work for the winter. She reported that Wayne Coers was very pleased with how the mosquito spraying was working out at his farm.

Youth Committee: JoAnne Boone reported that Lisa Black would be conducting sand volleyball lessons for youth and adults in the spring/summer of 2009. Exact dates will be determined later.

Senior Meal/Flu Shots: Flu shots will be offered on November 14 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Supervisor Kavanaugh would like to give out a meal coupon for a \$6 chicken dinner good at the Farmer's table to Cordova senior residents who receive a flu shot. The coupon must be used on the same day that the flu shots are given. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve a \$6 Farmer's Table chicken dinner coupon be given to those Cordova senior residents who receive a flu shot on November 14. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Erie Area Park District—Board Opinion: Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, that the Cordova Township Board oppose the creation of an Erie Area Park District which includes a township boundary within the Erie School District. Roll call votes of those Board members who oppose the formation of an Erie Area Park District are: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. Motion carries.

Exercise Class: Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to approve allowing exercise classes at the Civic Center every Monday evening from 6 – 7 p.m. beginning October 6 and ending April 27. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

Sexton: Joyce Kline sent a letter of interest for the Cemetery sexton position. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., authorizing Pam Bruner to interview Joyce Kline, and if it is a positive interview, to hire Joyce. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Extra Person (finish fence/wrap up year end): No longer necessary; handled with existing staff and equipment.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor Kavanaugh had previously sent his report in the Board packets. Several major topics will need to be brought before the public. These topics are the Illinois Constitutional Convention and the Erie Area Park Board. We will discuss having a Public Open House and/or a post card mailing at our next meeting.

Any other business to come before the Board that will be added on next month's agenda: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk