

MINUTES CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 20, 2008 – 7 p.m.

Cordova Township Office

Approved November 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 October 20, 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 Rich Wallen, Police Chief.

Supervisor Kavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve the September 15 minutes of the Cordova Township Regular Meeting. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Communications:

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk, read a thank you note for flowers from Gary Hanna.

The Clerk read a letter from Ginny Bennett requesting a monetary donation for the Christmas food baskets. This request for the annual Cemetery donation plus the Township one for Christmas food baskets will be discussed at the next meeting.

Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board: Cordova Police Chief Rich Wallen was present and had also submitted a written report which was sent out in the Board packets. He stated that the new squad car is in but the radio is still being worked on. Also, mentioned was that Rock Island County rejected the Village's offer to possibly patrol Cordova at this time. There have been several recent local robberies. The Haunted Forest at the drag strip has been successful, and a 15-year lease has been secured to continue operating at the drag strip. Eight more buildings will be added for next year.

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

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

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

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

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for September, 2008, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue for September, 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. Jon Kavanaugh stated that he has purchased three Cordova Cemetery lots and since he usually signs the deeds, he had Morris McLaughlin sign them instead. He has made copies of his personal check and paperwork to document the transaction for the auditor.

Bonnie Holt was mistakenly buried in the wrong plot. The Bob Reynold's family owns the plot and has very kindly agreed to have their deeds changed to another location.

The Knox family has requested that a very large engraved stone be used as a grave marker for the grave of Harold Knox. Pam was directed to get the actual size of the stone. The stone cannot be set until the size is checked to see if it will follow the guidelines of the cemetery.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report for the Board. The table sale is over, and there are several pedestal tables remaining. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to donate the tables to the Fire Department and then to the Baptist Church; if these organizations do not want them, then they will be placed in the dumpster. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Pam was instructed to try to get through the winter season on the existing Civic Center furnace blower motor. She could continue to get quotes, however.

The person responsible for the Civic Center key when Ducks Unlimited rented the facility in October has lost the key. Pam will try to get the door rekeyed; otherwise a new lock will have to be purchased. The bill will be sent to DU.

There is a fee schedule for Civic Center equipment rental but not one for Cordova non-profit renters who wish to use the equipment. The Board decided to let the Cordova non-profits use the building and equipment for free, but they must continue to pay for the cleaning service. The Riverdale PTA is renting the building on November 15. If they wish to use the equipment, they will have to pay rent for it because they are not a Cordova non-profit organization. Further discussion about equipment leaving the building will be held later.

Police Committee Report: The police report was previously given in the Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board section.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Filbert had submitted a written report to the Board. The Cordova salt supply is in. Chris talked to the crew who were loading railroad ties. They had their heavy trucks on the bike path which are not constructed to hold that much weight. She expects that they will not be doing that again and will also not leave a mess when they are completed with their project.

Youth Committee: No report.

Senior Meal/Flu Shots: Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to have Cordova Township pay for the flu shots for Township residents on Friday, November 14. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried. Also, it was clarified that any Cordova Township resident receiving a flu shot on November 14 will receive a \$7 chicken dinner coupon to be used that day at the Farmer's Table Restaurant for lunch.

Erie Area Park District: Supervisor Kavanaugh attended the Erie Area Park District meeting which was held on Tuesday, October 14, at the Cordova Library. He stated that a park district allows for taxes to be collected and used for a wide variety of items that most citizens don't know about. Because of this, there could be many referenda asking for additional monies to support the park district. There are issues with the Nov. 4 ballot which doesn't provide room for write in candidates for the Board of Directors for the proposed park district. Also, Chris Filbert mentioned that Rich Morthland stated that RI Co. should be contacted to contest the ballot and to remind them that the RI Co. Board is against the formation of an Erie Area Park District. The township attorney is still checking into some of the issues facing Cordova Township such as disconnecting from the park district, indebtedness to the park district, formation of a possible park district in Cordova, etc.

Private citizens are going to run an ad in the Erie Review opposing the formation of an Erie Area Park District. There will be flyers distributed throughout Erie as well as letters to the editor.

New Business:

Sexton: Joyce Kline has been hired as Sexton and will begin training with Pam on October 21. She will receive half of her annual salary at the November approval of bills.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that the Board needs to start discussing the next levy. He asked Board members to begin thinking about where cutbacks could be made, as there could be significant reductions in State money available for the next budget year.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk