

MINUTES CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 17, 2008 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved December 15, 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 November 17, 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.

Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to approve the October 20 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, reminded the Board of the letter in their packets requesting a donation from Elizabeth Rogers for becoming a People to People Student Ambassador. Supervisor Kavanaugh will contact her and explain our scholarship program.

Jon Kavanaugh stated that we are working with MTAD on getting our annual winter training event planned. It will probably take place late in December or January. More information will be available at our 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. He was asked if they had found out anything about the burglaries that he had reported at last month's meeting. Rich said they were waiting for lab results and until that time could not doing anything. Bob Quinn is back out on medical leave.

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

The Road District statements of revenue and expenses for October, 2008, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr, to approve the October, 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 October, 2008, were reviewed. Supervisor Kavanaugh stated that we still had not received the chicken dinner bill from the Farmers' Table and that will have to be paid. Bill Burns, Jr., made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve for payment the October, 2008, Town Fund bills including the 53 chicken dinners for those township residents who received a flu shot. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The General Assistance statements of revenue and expenses for October, 2008, were reviewed. There were no bills to be paid for October.

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

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for October, 2008, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue for October, 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. Pam stated that there was a problem with the Morthland plot. A monument company has placed a military veteran marker to the right of the double headstone and the marker goes onto the next plot by about a foot. Supervisor Kavanaugh advised that Pam call the family and get the name of the monument company. She will then call the monument company to resolve the issue.

Pam and the new sexton, Joyce Kline, have been auditing graves. They have done 109 out of 1,512 and have been finding various issues as they progress. Those records that might have errors or other problems are being photocopied and then placed in a special folder for later attention.

Troy has completed his Cemetery work for the season; he worked 500 hours. He will now work 75 hours for Road and Bridge leaving him with an extra 25 hours for special work as needed.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report for the Board. The Cordova Boosters Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 21, at the Civic Center. Pam asked if the Board wanted to waive the cleaning fee of \$40 for this event. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone to waive the \$40 cleaning fee and donate \$200 to this year's Cordova Boosters Children's Christmas Party. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The last line dancing class is scheduled for December 10. We need to let the instructor know whether we would like to offer another class in the spring. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to authorize Pam to poll the current line dancing class members to see if they would like to have another line dancing class in the spring. If yes, then Pam is authorized to hire the instructor. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

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. Chris Filbert had no additional comments.

Youth Committee: Pam Bruner and JoAnne Boone will be attending a RICTA meeting at O'Meila's on Wednesday, November 19 in order to find out more about the youth and senior services available within Rock Island County.

Mary Jane McCorkle has volunteered to be Chairperson of the Cordova Township Senior Committee. She would like to start after the first of the year. Ray Schackleford has offered to assist her.

Christmas Basket Donation: Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to donate \$1,100 from the Township Community Fund to the First Baptist Church in Cordova for Christmas baskets. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

Levy: Supervisor Kavanaugh discussed the '09 Levy which was sent out to Board members in their packets. It has been increased by 4.9% over last year's levy. The levy is due Rock Island County by December 30 and the budget the end of June. The police and personnel line items were increased the most. Jon reported that there is a very good chance that the income the Township receives from the state called Corporate Replacement Tax will decrease considerably for next year.

Road Commissioner Filbert distributed the Road and Bridge '09 Levy to the Board. She reported that some of the line items had been changed but there was no increase in the '09 Levy from last year's amount.

Supervisor Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve both the '09 Cordova Township Town Fund and '09 Cordova Township Road and Bridge proposed levies. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Cordova Township Park District: Supervisor Kavanaugh thanked everyone who worked on the recent defeat of the proposed Erie Area Park District.

Resolution: The Township's attorney has drawn up a resolution for the establishment of a Cordova Township Park District that would include just the boundary lines of Cordova Township. The attorney is also working on the possibility of creating a special election for Cordova Township that would be before the regular Township election in April, 2009. It is still unknown as to whether we will be able to conduct a special election, but we can definitely have the vote on the April ballot. The goal would be to have the existing Township Board members also serve as the Board members for the Cordova Township Park District. Supervisor Kavanaugh has already talked to three of the major corporations within the Township—Exelon, 3M and Cordova Energy. Cordova Township will have to establish a minimum tax. It will also require responsible Township Board members to manage a park district, but we will have a better voice in Cordova than in Erie. In order for township residents to better understand the formation of a Cordova Township Park District, there needs to be good discussions with the voters. Taxpayers will have a voice here in Cordova to control taxes.

Supervisor Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve the resolution to create a Cordova Township Park District. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to direct Township counsel to pursue a special election request as soon as possible for the creation of a Cordova Township Park District. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Comments: Nothing additional at this time.

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 Bill Burns, Jr., to adjourn this meeting. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk