

MINUTES CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 15, 2008 – 7 p.m.

Cordova Township Office

Approved January 19, 2009

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 December 15, 2008.

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

Also present: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, 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 November 17 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 upcoming Cordova Township Caucus dates. The Cordova Township Republican Caucus will be held on Tuesday, January 13, at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center, and the Cordova Township Democratic Caucus will also be held on Tuesday, January 13, but at 7 p.m.

The Democratic MTAD Caucus will be held on Wednesday, January 14, at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. There will be no Republican MTAD Caucus.

**Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board:** Cordova Police Chief Rich Wallen was present and had also submitted a written report that was sent out in the Board packets. He stated that the new squad car is working well. Bob Quinn is still out on medical leave and will hopefully be able to return very soon. The large amount of early morning traffic on Rt. 84 was discussed. It was noted that a State patrol car has been seen out working the road.

**Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:**

The Road District statements of revenue and expenses for November, 2008, were reviewed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the November, 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 November, 2008, were reviewed. Gary Hanna, made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to approve for payment the November, 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 November, 2008, were reviewed. There were no bills to be paid for November. Gary Hanna, made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to approve the November, 2008, General Assistance financial reports. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

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

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for November, 2008, were reviewed. JoAnne Boone made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to approve for payment the Cemetery bills as presented for November, 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 reported that Cordova Cemetery plots are cheaper than those in other communities. Pam will be doing a survey of what other communities are charging for lots as well as other fees being charged. We need to be observant so we can stay comparable. Pam will report back to the Board with her findings. Each Cordova plot is now issued a deed which is much better for our record keeping.

Joyce Kline has been a very good resource for the Cemetery auditing process as she knows many local families and the local history. Pam has made an excellent suggestion that when a plot is purchased, the headstone foundation is set in place which has the plot number and purchaser's name on it. This foundation will be a standard size that will allow for the placement of any tombstone on it. Pam is also going through the minutes and other paperwork to find all previously established policies.

**Civic Center Report:** Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report for the Board. Morris McLaughlin commented after reading Pam's written report that he felt she should not have to bother getting quotes for smaller items like the light fixtures in the women's bathroom. Jon Kavanaugh stated that he had contacted Bill McWilliams to repair a carpeting strip at the Civic Center.

**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 attended a RICTA meeting at O'Meila's on Wednesday, November 19, in the hopes of learning about youth services in Rock Island County. The program dealt with reaching out to help youth and their families. This program is a good service, which Riverdale participates in, but was not the type of program needed for our summer youth programs. Currently tennis lessons and sand volleyball will be offered for our youth this spring and summer. The Board talked about leaving some volleyballs out at the court for people to use on an honor system.

**Cordova Township Park District:** Supervisor Kavanaugh reported that the attorney said we cannot conduct a special election. Jon is forwarding the necessary materials to the attorney so the park district formation can be included on the April ballot. The attorney did verify that there are several township park districts in the State.

**Township Winter Training—December 18 at *It's on the River*:** The Board discussed moving the winter training to another date in January. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to change the date of the township winter training from December 18 to a date in late January. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

**Cordova Township 2009 Meeting Calendar:** A schedule of proposed 2009 Cordova Township meeting dates were sent to the Board in their packets. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the Cordova Township 2009 meeting calendar. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

**Senior Committee:** Mary Jane McCorkle has agreed to chair the Senior Committee and will begin her duties in January of 2009.

**Supervisor's Comments:** Jon stated that the Mayor of Savanna has been attending grant seminars. It appears that the new administration will be looking at townships to become involved in "green" projects. Jon will try to gather information on this topic so Cordova will have current information. Supervisor Kavanaugh discussed the possibility of geothermal heat for the Civic Center.

**Any other business to come before the Board that will be added on next month's agenda:** Bi-State was mentioned as a possible company which might be able to help with green projects.

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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk