

MINUTES CORDOVA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 16, 2009 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Township Office

Approved March 16, 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 February 16, 2009.

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

Also present: Sandy Gustafson, Clerk, Chris Filbert, Road Commissioner, Pam Bruner, Civic Center and Cemetery Manager and Ken McCool.

Supervisor Kavanaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve the January 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 that the communications correspondence had been included in their packets.

Citizen's Wishing to Address the Board: Ken McCool said to keep up the good work!

Approval of Bills/Financial Reports:

The Road District statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2009, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to approve the January, 2009, 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 January, 2009, were reviewed. JoAnne Boone, made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to approve for payment the January, 2009, Town Fund bills. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The General Assistance statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2009, were reviewed. Gary Hanna, made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve for payment the January, 2009, 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 January, 2009, were reviewed. Jon Kavanaugh, made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve for payment the Civic Center bills as presented for January, 2009. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

The Cordova Cemetery statements of revenue and expenses for January, 2009, were reviewed. Gary Hanna made a motion, seconded by Bill Burns, Jr., to approve the Cemetery statements of revenue for January, 2009. 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 explained the Pandemic/Disaster Reciprocal Agreement to the Board. This proposed agreement will be discussed again and voted on at the March meeting.

The Cemetery audit continues to go well with sections C and D going to be completed this week. Chris Filbert stated that Road and Bridge will be digging out ditches. She wondered if the dirt could be used at various places in the Cemetery. It was agreed that some of the dirt would be used.

Pam will continue to work on compiling a list of rules, policies and prices obtained from her research of other cemeteries. This compilation will be provided to the Board in a mailing.

Caretaker Bids: Mike Pursell has contacted the Township to submit a bid for the Cemetery mowing for '09-'10.

Lock Boxes: Supervisor Kavanaugh would like to consolidate the lock boxes and get just one at the Albany Bank.

Unemployment—Groundskeeper to Grounds Manager: Supervisor Kavanaugh reported that Troy Larson has applied for unemployment and is entitled to it at his current position. Jon suggested changing his job title and pay him throughout the year. Road Commissioner Filbert brought up the issue of IMRF. Should we consider hiring him at a year-long job with fewer hours? There will be further discussion on this.

Civic Center Report: Pam Bruner, Civic Center Manager, submitted a written report for the Board. Pam reported that the motion picture license would be \$505 a calendar year and is good only for indoor showing. The topic of purchasing a popcorn machine was also discussed.

Police Report: This is the second month that no police report has been given. Ken McCool stated that Bob Quinn is back but under doctor's orders to work only 4 hours per day. Rich Wallen has recently had ankle surgery and is out on a medical leave. Pat Fidler is the Village chair of the police committee and Ken is also on the committee. He recommended calling 654-2600 for non-emergencies. Call Pat or Ken for police issues and 911 for emergencies.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Filbert had submitted a written report to the Board. Chris Filbert had no additional comments.

Youth Committee: No report.

Senior Committee: Jon Kavanaugh reported that there is no Senior Committee at the present time. Those on the original committee met and decided they did not want to create any bad feelings between those seniors living in the Village who would have to pay for some meals and services and those living in the township who would not. Therefore, they decided to disband the Senior Committee. The committee had come up with some good ideas. The Board discussed the option of having just one person in charge of Senior services in the future.

Cordova Township Park District: Supervisor Kavanaugh announced that he will contact Dean Sutton, Attorney, to proceed with the paperwork for the formation of a Cordova Township Park District. Dean recommends a three-person board. One hundred signatures will have to be obtained. A hearing will be held to seek people for the Park District Board.

Township Winter Training—February: The training has been postponed.

Closed Minutes: Morris McLaughlin and JoAnne Boone reviewed the closed minutes from August 20, 2007. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Jon Kavanaugh, to open the closed minutes from the closed session on August 20, 2007. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

Candidates Night: Citizens asked the Cordova Library if they would sponsor a Candidates Night before the April 7, 2009, election. The Library asked the Township if the event could be at the Civic Center. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by JoAnne Boone, to approve the free usage of the Civic Center on Thursday, April 2, from 7-8 p.m. for Candidates' Night. Friends of the Library will bring cookies; the Township will supply coffee and water. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

TOI Conference—June 12: There will be a Township Officials of Illinois Educational Conference in Moline on Friday, June 12. Please let the Clerk know if you would like to attend. Registration is due in May.

Public Hearing to Amend Road and Bridge '08-'09 Budget: We will have a public hearing meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 16, to amend the Road and Bridge Budget. Our regular monthly township meeting will follow the hearing.

Tennis and Sand Volleyball Lessons: Discussion was held regarding the sponsoring of tennis and sand volleyball lessons this summer. Last year four tennis lessons were offered to both adults and youth costing a total of \$200. Pam will contact Melissa Battern to see if she would teach those lessons again. JoAnne Boone will get more information about the cost and dates of the sand volleyball lessons. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Gary Hanna, to approve the offering of both tennis and sand volleyball lessons during the summer of 2009. Ayes: Boone, Burns, Hanna, McLaughlin and Kavanaugh. No's: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor Kavanaugh mentioned that it was time for locks on the township office to be changed. We also need to look into getting file cabinets that lock.

Any other business to come before the Board that will be added on next month's agenda: The Road District will have spring cleanup dumpsters some time in May. It was discussed having the newsletter go out the very end of April or beginning of May.

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 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk