



CITY OF CORTLAND COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2023

MINUTES

MAYOR

SCOTT STEVE

COUNCIL MEMBERS

WAYNE SCHUTT

KATY SILLIMAN

MARY CLARE PENNELLO

PAT LANE

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

- Resolution No. 79 Authorize Request for Proposals and Agreement for Financial Auditing Services
- Resolution No. 80 Approve Special Event and Related Permits for The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest
- Resolution No. 81 Affirm the Issuance of a Mobile Ice Cream Vendor License to Schwan's
- Resolution No. 82 Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Fisher Associates for Downtown Revitalization Project Design Services
- Resolution No. 83 Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with Fisher Associates for Downtown Revitalization Project Design Services
- Resolution No. 84 Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Fisher Associates for Downtown Revitalization Project Design Services
- Resolution No. 85 Authorize Sale of Abandoned Impound Vehicles and Appropriate Impound Scrap Proceeds to the Police Department
- Resolution No. 86 Authorize the Creation of Additional Uniform Sergeants in the Police Department
- Resolution No. 87 Appropriate Annual Cortland City Police Bike Sale Proceeds
- Resolution No. 88 Accept and Recognize Donations to Cortland Youth Bureau
- Resolution No. 89 Authorize Request for Proposals for the Renovation of Existing Randall Park Tennis Courts to Include Pickleball and Tennis Courts



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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Mayor Steve called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and the City Clerk called the roll. The following Common Council members were in attendance:

Wayne Schutt – First Ward Alderperson
Katy Silliman – Second Ward Alderperson
Mary Clare Pennello – Third Ward Alderperson
Patricia Lane – Fourth Ward Alderperson
Seth Thompson - Fifth Ward Alderperson
William Carpenter – Sixth Ward Alderperson
Troy Beckwith – Seventh Ward Alderperson

The following Council member was recorded absent:

Thomas Michales – Eighth Ward Alderperson

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE/REFLECTION

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There was no one present wishing to speak.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Steve provided an update on Main St. construction and efforts to encourage people to visit Main St. He recognized Deputy Fire Chief Mike Ten Kate who will be retiring after 21 years.

WARD REPORTS

- Ward 1: Council Member Schutt said he received questions about trash and recycling tote placement. He also said and Mayor Steve met with constituents on Chestnut St. regarding work being conducted by DPW.
- Ward 2: Council Member Silliman complimented Waste Water Treatment Superintendent Bruce Adams on the program to monitor the prevalence of COVID-19. She thanked the Police Department for their response and investigation of noise complaints, and noted that the Police Department and Code Enforcement Division are ticketing cars that are parked on sidewalks and front yards. Ms. Silliman is a Cortland Rural Cemetery Board member and spoke about the need for a solution to the cemeteries' financial and operational challenges.

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby authorize the Cortland City Police to sell eleven (11) abandoned vehicles at the Impound Lot for scrap and place all proceeds from such sale into budget line A.3120-520600 - Operating Equipment to be utilized towards the purchase of new police vehicles and equipment.

Motioned by: Council Member Schutt

Seconded by: Council Member Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 7 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 86 Authorize the Creation of Additional Uniform Sergeants in the Police Department

RESOLVED, that the City of Cortland Common Council grants authority to the Chief of Police to increase the Cortland City Police Department staffing by one Uniform Sergeant position in 2023 and also grants authority to hire one additional Police Officer position to backfill the vacancy in the Patrol Division created by the Uniform Sergeant promotion.

Motioned by: Council Member Pennello

Seconded by: Council Member Schutt

Discussion: Chief Sandy said the pending retirement of Uniform Sergeants will create an issue with having an appropriate number of Sergeants providing supervision on each shift which this resolution will address. Chief Sandy stated that the department has good officers who have been well trained, but that appropriate supervision is still required, describing incidents which illustrate that point. Council Member Carpenter stated that there are liability issues in not having appropriate number of Sergeants on each shift.

Approved: Ayes – 7 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 87 Appropriate Annual Cortland City Police Bike Sale Proceeds

RESOLVED, that the City of Cortland Common Council does hereby authorize the Cortland City Police Department to conduct the sale of unclaimed bicycles and affirms the funds from the above noted sale can be divided equally between the Water Works Deer Fund, for purchase of winter hay and habitat improvement, and the Cortland Youth Bureau, for the purchase of ice cream, which will be handed out to citizens throughout the parks over the summer as part of a joint Cortland City Police Department and Cortland City Youth Bureau Community Engagement effort.

Motioned by: Council Member Lane

Seconded by: Council Member Thompson

Approved: Ayes – 7 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 88 Accept and Recognize Donations to Cortland Youth Bureau

RESOLVED, that the City of Cortland Common Council accepts the donations listed below, and appropriates funds to the Cortland Youth Bureau operating budget accounts outlined below.

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project/Event</u>	<u>Budget Line</u>
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Yaman Foundation	\$15,000.00	Yaman Playground	7010.5206
CNY Community Foundation	\$5,000.00	E-Sports Program	7140.5405

Motioned by: Council Member Carpenter

Seconded by: Council Member Schutt

Discussion: In response to a question by Council Member Thompson, Andrea Piedigrossi, Director of the Youth Bureau Director said the E-Sports Program is available at the Youth Center and at Beaudry Park in the summer. She noted the large number of students that participate in the E-Sports Program at Cortland High School and that it is being offered as a major at SUNY Canton. Mr. Thompson commented on it being a growing activity and complimented the Youth Bureau for providing access to the activity.

Council Member Beckwith highlighted the longstanding and ongoing contributions and support the Yaman family provides to the City.

Approved: Ayes – 7 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith]
Nays – 0

Resolution No. 89 Authorize Request for Proposals for the Renovation of Existing Randall Park Tennis Courts to Include Pickleball and Tennis Courts

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby authorize the Youth Bureau Director to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to renovate the existing tennis courts to include pickleball and tennis courts and further authorizes Mayor Steve or his designee to enter into an agreement for such services to be paid for by private donations and American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Motioned by: Council Member Carpenter

Seconded by: Council Member Thompson

Discussion: Youth Bureau Director Andrea Piedigrossi said that there will be eight pickleball courts and two tennis courts.

Approved: Ayes – 7 [Schutt, Silliman, Pennello, Lane, Thompson, Carpenter, Beckwith]
Nays – 0

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Silliman and approved by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.