



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
July 8, 2010

Work Session
July 8, 2010
City Hall
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Feiszli, Alderman Craig, Hayes, Tobin, Quail,
Ferguson and Michales

Absent: Alderman Dye

Others Present: Director of Administration and Finance Gazda, Corporation
and Counsel Ronald Walsh

Mayor Feiszli called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

AGENDA:

1. Presentation by Charles Zettek, Jr., Vice President and Director of Government Services from the Center for Governmental Research.

Mr. Zettek reviewed the cost and property tax burdens of local governments in Cortland. He noted that the desired outcome of this process would be to reduce the local property tax burden. He noted that local government leaders can take actions to reduce costs and local property taxes independent of burdens imposed by the State.

Mr. Zettek then discussed various opportunities for local government efficiencies. He provided examples of other municipalities across the State that realized cost savings from dissolution and consolidation. He outlined a proposed strategic planning process that the Center for Governmental Research has found to be effective. He noted that the process should be designed around three (3) key activities:

1. Accurately describe "What Exists" – current services, who provides the services, what they cost and the tax impact.
2. Identify and analyze alternative service delivery options and select the "preferred" options.
3. Initiate the action plan/changes needed to get to the preferred option(s).

Mr. Zettek then participated in discussion and answered questions.

Mayor Feiszli adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

CAROL TYTLER – CITY CLERK

SUSAN FEISZLI - MAYOR