

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

September 15, 2008

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met at 7:00 pm on Monday, Sept. 15, 2008. The following members were present: President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Terry Lovekamp, Carol Huff, Ron Price, and Mike Songer. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Rob Bratton, P.C. Pat Carter, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and Dave Happ was the first to approach the Board. Dave is the engineer for the Village and he was here to discuss drainage and the income survey but first he announced his resignation from Foth & Van Dyke. Tom Overmyer will be taking Dave's place and he was also at the meeting. The Board needs to set a date for the income survey. Dave will go over what needs to be done. The first step for the drainage project is to hold a public meeting to get input from the citizens. Dave will be here to gather as much information as he can. The meeting will be held on Sept. 29, 2009 in the Municipal Building at 6:30pm. Dave will be finishing up the MFT report in the next couple of months.

PUBLIC FORUM

C. Martin-drainage. Wants ditches along all the roads

P. Daily-Has questions about Mediacom service

B. Maple-Questions in regards to Mediacom programming.

Mediacom representatives Ester Viles, in charge of government accounts, and Todd Ackard, General Manager for our area, were present at this meeting to address the concerns of residents. One question asked was why it takes so long to get a cable buried. A lot of that work had been subcontracted out and the contractors try to do an area at a time. They would like a list of anyone who still had cable on the ground. That info can be put in the next newsletter. In answer to different programming other than sports, there is limited band width available and some networks require that the providers carry certain programs only. Ester is more than willing to take any request to the marketing division. The company is adding more staff to help alleviate the "on hold" problem. Anyone still having problems is encouraged to notify the Village Hall so they can contact Ester or Todd. They also took names and numbers for the people who were having problems with the phone service.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Trustee Shoraga, second Lovekamp, all yeas.

CLAIMS REPORT

The Unicare bill needs to be added to claims and the Ameren IP bill when it arrives. Motion to approve claims made by Trustee Huff, second Lovekamp, all yeas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cris is on vacation this week. There were no adjustments and will check on the state income tax amounts. Motion to approve report made by Trustee Shoraga, second Lovekamp, all yeas.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The water from the last rain went down quickly. Rob pulled two pumps from the Franklin Street lift station, full of rags again. One new pump has been ordered. May have to change piping but Rob thinks he can make it work.

Sidewalk work will begin tomorrow if it isn't too muddy.

EPA held an inspection for the water plant. There will be a write up for the salt pit lids not being locked and some slits were sealed up. At two wells, the chlorine rooms needed panic bars on the doors. These are also called crash bars. The cheapest, including installation, is \$1100 for two doors.

There was a sewer inspection two weeks before with no problems reported.

The handicap ramp has been fixed. The lumber was still good so Rob replaced screws with stainless steel screws and sealed it.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Pat made three calls to IDOT about a yield sign on Route 32(Jackson and Carter). There were 108 calls for assistance this month. Cisco had 16 ½ hours of coverage, 2 citations, for a profit of \$416.33.

OLD BUSINESS

Colette had been talking to Pennsylvania office about the railroad involvement with Handley building. The railroad would like to see the agreement with Galen Handley. A three-way agreement between Galen, the railroad and the Village would be workable. The lease could be either extended or terminated. Currently there is no need to do anything concerning power to the building. The gas line has been either removed or disabled. Rob will contact the engineer at IP and talk to her. The Village has already accepted a demolition bid. The Pennsylvania office is not looking for re-imburement from Galen for demolition.

TIF- no response from Mr. Schuering. The Village will be looking for someone else to help with our TIF needs.

NEW BUSINESS

E-PAY This service is through the state of Illinois. People can go online to pay their water bills or pay with a credit card. The Village would either absorb the fees or pass them on to the people using the service. Only 30 people responded to the survey. Lyle and Brad will meet with a state representative about this service on Sept. 24.

CDAP People will be needed to do this survey. Will need 10 people to survey 100-120 homes. Trustee Huff stated that she will not able to help with this service.

No other reports and a motion to adjourn at 8:20 was made by Trustee Shoraga, second Songer, all yeas.

Village Clerk 9/15/08