

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo
January 15, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on January 15, 2018 in the Village Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Linda Ash, Aaron Weldy, Jeff Powers, Dennis Ridgeway, Mike Martin Attorney Susan Nicholas, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, PWD Mark Blickensderfer. Clerk Tina McCarty absent. Regular meeting was recorded.
Also present PCE Tom Overmyer engineer

The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.

Public Forum

None at this meeting

Consent Agenda;

- A. Approve minutes from December 18, 2017
- B. Approve minutes from Special meeting. No special meeting
- C. Approve claims report
- D. Approve financial reports
- E. Approve police report
- F. Approve public works report

No further discussion and a MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Martin, seconded Trustee Ridgeway , Roll Call: all Yeas. **Approved by the Omnibus Vote Designation.**

Water Adjustments;

none at this time

Unfinished Business;

A. Water Main Project:

Motion was made by Trustee Ash, seconded by Trustee Powers, to approve suspension on water main project due to weather till March 1, 2018, Roll Call: all yeas.

Motion was made by Trustee Ash, seconded by Trustee Weldy, to accept change order #5 in the amount of \$11,429.74, Roll Call: all yeas

Motion was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Ash, to approve Payment #3 to Central Subsurface Contracting in the amount of \$ 46,775.47 this amount includes the change order amount. Roll call: all yeas.

B. Dollar General Sidewalk

no reaction from Dollar General at this time

New Businesses;

A. Adoption of Ordinance 634-2018 Ordinance Prohibiting Sexual Harassment

All Municipality are to adopt an Ordinance per local government. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Ash, to adopt Ordinance 634-2018 Ordinance Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, Roll Call: all yeas

B. Appointment of Sexual Harassment complaint Managers

Recommendation by Attorney Nicholas to appoint one male, one female to take the complaints. Motion was made by Trustee Weldy, seconded by Trustee Allen to appoint Village Clerk Tina McCarty, and Director of Public works Mark Blickensderfer as Sexual Harassment complaint managers, with Village President per Ordinance as contact person if an employee is not comfortable going to one of the complaint managers, with support of council. Roll call: all yeas.

C. Accept resignation letter from full time employee

Pat Carter stood and read his resignation letter to the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Allen, to accept letter of resignation for Pat Carter Roll Call: Trustee Martin-yea, Trustee Ridgeway- Yea, Trustee Weldy- Yea, Trustee Powers-Nay, Trustee Ash – Yea, Trustee Allen – Yea. **Motion carried**

D. Little Library, book exchange-on residents property maintained by resident.

A pass out of what it looks like was given to each Board member, it does not interfere with any ordinance. At this time no concerns with having it on a residents property.

E. Henricks Properties LLC TIF application

Motion was made by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Ridgeway to approve \$5,000 for application for TIF from

Henricks Properties, LLC Roll Call: all yeas.

Motion was made by Trustee Ridgeway, seconded by Trustee Allen to move from open session at 6:45pm to executive session Roll call: all yeas.

Motion was made by Trustee Ridgeway, seconded by Trustee Powers, to move into open session at 7:10pm from executive session Roll call: all yeas.

Back in open session

The Board had General Discussion on Hiring a Police Chief vs. Piatt County. Trustee Allen stated currently the Village is paying an average of \$140,000 to operate and maintain our Police Department, this does not include the police cars, and we are due for a new one. Also the paperwork that needs to be done and filed daily or weekly is and can be enough for a secretary. Having the county cover would eliminate a lot of concerns for the Village. Our department is almost a year behind in some paperwork. Trustee Powers stated from his understanding that ordinance violation will be followed up by Village, if notices need to be served it can be served by the county. Trustee Martin stated that he spoke with the Mayor of Hammond and that they use the county and have not had any problems, he stated that the county will patrol the area it will all depend on the terms, contract that is set. Trustee Ridgeway stated The Liability and Coverage, of maintaining a police department is expensive. With Piatt County the coverage will be consistent, they have the staff to cover the area and maintain support for the Village. They have the equipment, training, and officers. There are more small towns going to this type of coverage. Very few small towns can support a staff for the Police Department. Trustee Ash, stated that change is hard and residents may not be use to it but the days of small town Police Force are dissolving. More discussion on hiring a Police Chief vs Piatt county coverage will be at the next schedule meeting on February 19, 2018.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. Trustee Reports;

Mike Martin- *A resident ask Trustee Martin if there is any discussion for the Village to put a side walk from Madison street to Dollar General since the Village owns the land now. He also spoke of how the Accounting could be changing for the Library and was wondering if it will change for the Village. At this time we do not know the Auditors spoke of it during their last audit.*

Aaron Weldy- *Spoke to how he and Trustee Allen are working on the employee compensation forms for the new fiscal year. These forms will be used to help the employee set goals, help with accountability give feedback to employees grow personal and professional and help to exceed expectations.*

Jeff Powers- *nothing at this time*

Linda Ash- *nothing at this time*

Tim Allen- *nothing at this time*

Dennis Ridgeway- *nothing at this time*

MAYOR REPORT

There still has not been any communication from Mediacom on their contract the Village needs to review the lease and see what our options are. At this time we need to make sure the rent is being paid and discussion on what to do next.

No further business came before the Board and a Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Ash, second by Trustee Martin, at 7:35pm all yeas.

Tina McCarty

Village Clerk 1/15/18