

**Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo
July 15, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on July 15, 2013 in the Municipal Building located at 231 East South Street. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Jeff Powers, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 and the Public Forum was held. L. Bailey has a problem with raccoons hiding in the concrete pile. Also people who walk their dogs are not cleaning up after them even though there is an ordinance that directs them to do so.

J. Morris also commented on the concrete pile on Wait Street. He doesn't approve of the Village picking up tree limbs when residents trim their trees. Storm damage pick up is ok. Would like to see some ditch clearing on Franklin Street.

T. Hyde is requesting an overnight slot in his RV Park. It would be a temporary overnight slot. Sometimes he has a camper come in at night and then they are gone first thing in the morning. Some have been staying at the fairgrounds.

Consent Agenda

Bills to be added to claims are Illinois Power and RSNLT. They will come this week and will need to be paid.

Pat has an expanded police report. He has issued a resident a citation for crossing the state highway in a golf cart. There have been several other incidents with the same person and golf cart. A notice will be sent to the owner of the cart to attend the next board meeting in August and to give their side of the story. The police can revoke the golf cart permit for violating use of the golf cart.

Motion by Martin to approve the consent agenda, second Powers. Roll call: Allen, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

Two adjustments this month, Both have signed forms turned in. Motion to approve adjustments made by Trustee Gross, second Allen, all yeas.

New Business

- A. Review of closed session minutes. Upon review by the attorney, all closed session minutes from Dec. 17, 2012 through June 17, 2013 will be retained.
- B. Suggested ordinance changes in regards to golf cart drivers and a pavers permit. It has been suggested that we lower the age for driving a golf cart from 18 to 16. This will be tabled until next month. There was some damage done to four (4) Village streets the last time a company came through selling asphalt driveways. All pavers will need to check with the village about a permit. This would be a \$200 refundable fee. There would be no refund until the DPW has signed off on the project and is satisfied with clean up. \$200 may not be enough to cover damages incurred. This will also be table for next month.
- C. Post Prom donation for 2013/14 school year. The Village has generously donated before and the Prom Committee is looking for a donation for this school year. Plans are already being made. Parents help host the post prom for the high school students. A motion was made by Trustee Seitz to donate \$750 to post prom, second Gross. Roll call: Allen, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
- D. Finance recommendation in regards to insurance cap. FC members Allen and Gross met with agent Mark Walters to discuss the insurance cap in place for village employees. The current cap is \$1352.64 per month per full time employees. Employees have a very good package and the committee sees no reason

to raise it. Two (2) employees have to pay out of pocket for their insurance. Some options are dropping the dental plan and using an in-house dentist, or employees can trim their own policies. The board accepts the recommendation of the committee to leave the cap where it's at.

- E. Donation for advertising town rummage sale. The two residents that have spearheaded the town rummage sale for CG since its inception asked that the board for a donation \$100 for advertising for two papers. These sales bring in people that also stop at the restaurant, Casey's, DG and spend money. It's a winning situation. Trustee Martin made a motion to donate \$100 for advertising, second gross. Roll call: Allen, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas. These ladies also expressed how nice the new sign looks coming into Cerro Gordo from the South. The Royal Neighbors of America, of which they are members, would like to donate another sign for the Village. The Board graciously accepted their offer. The plan is to move the first sign into town and get a larger one for the south side of town.
- F. Lincoln and Carter Street solution. Part of a fence along the sidewalk will need to be moved back away from the right of way. There is also the possibility that a tree will need to be removed. Vehicles are to be 50 feet from the stop sign and cannot be more than 5 foot tall. Speed limit signs will be posted along Lincoln Street. The home owner will be asked to remove a portion of the fence.
- G. Fire hydrant replacement. There are four (4) that need to be replaced. Mark would like to replace at least two (2) of them this year and then budget the remaining two. It will cost about \$5,000 per hydrant. Motion by Trustee Powers to replace two (2) hydrants this year, second Allen, all yeas.
- H. DG sidewalk project. School is on board with the project, engineering is completed on it, home owner Kenny Weedman is on board with it. Motion to proceed and secure bids for project made by Trustee Allen and for the mayor, engineer, and attorney to decide on the low bids, second Gross, all yeas.
- I. Veterans Park design plan. The price for the drawing which includes a fishing pier, parking lot, veteran's memorial, walking path, and pavilion is \$1500. Ambulance board is going to donate a substantial amount of money to the community, not committed to any one group at this time, but the Village needs a plan and a budget to present to them. Trustee Martin made a motion to proceed with Veteran's Park plans, second Allen, all yeas.
- J. Zoning Board member recommendation. Table for now.
- K. TNT pay Estimate #6 Revisit this issue after a closed session.
- L. Sidewalk Project. Discussed in section H

In the personnel book, there is some conflict as to when a person is eligible for vacation time. Jeff was asking if he would be able to take a vacation this year. Everything concerning the Village is done by fiscal year which runs from May 1 to April 30 of each year. In the personnel book we will need to take out fiscal year wordage and go with hire date. Trustee Gross says to give Jeff a week vacation now and another week at anniversary date. Policy needs to have language cleaned. Bring back a proposal for next meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Allen, second Powers to move to closed session at 7:00 for possible litigation 120 2 C/11. Regular session resumed at 7:29 pm on a motion by Trustee Allen, second Powers, all yeas.

Motion made by Trustee Gross to retain the check to TNT for Pay Estimate #6 in amount of \$6006 pending attorney, Mayor, and engineer are satisfied with work and the road is fixed. Second Allen, roll call: Allen, Powers, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

Golf Cart Ordinance. There have been several complaints of people holding children when riding in a golf cart. Passengers/children not transported in a negligent manner, gives pat the discretion to decide what is negligent and what is not. There is also a problem with one family operating a golf cart negligently. The police can remove the carts permit. Again this is the police chief's call. He also is encouraged to contact the state's attorney about rules for passengers held on a lap or if a child restraint system of some sort is to be used.

All tickets would be written for ordinance violations and not vehicle code. Also with the golf cart violator, privileges can be suspended from the one person and denying the permit for the cart could also be a solution.

Trustees Report

Martin-One of the trees planted at Veterans Park has died. In regards to tree trimming-when a resident cuts down a tree they expect the village to haul it away. We are not in tree business and they should dispose of the tree themselves. Storm damage cleanup is different.

Seitz-There was a gas leak at a resident's house and Pat was instrumental in insisting that Illinois Power come out right away and repair it.

Powers-vacant lots with overgrown weeds and grass. Couple come to mind-house by football field and at the corner of Washington and Franklin Street.

Allen-Alley needs some rock or road patch in the holes again. Possibility of putting in a drain-get some estimates. Also talk about putting gates up on alley that runs behind the water plant. It is not a thorough fare and should not be used as such.

There are still some streets to be oil and chipped.

The owners of the house that burned on Madison Street have been sent a letter and they have ten(10) days to respond.

The squad car was put out for bid and only received one bid in the amount of \$1207. Decals and lights are ready to be taken off. Motion by Trustee Allen to accept the bid from Chicago Motors, second Gross, all yeas. Pat has one good candidate for part time officer, the background check on the individual is done.

No further business came before the Board and a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Gross, second Martin, at 8:07, all yeas.

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