

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo
Nov. 18, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Cerro Gordo met at 6:00pm on Nov. 18, 2013. The following members were present: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order, Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Marvin.

Public Forum

Resident P. Davis was present at the meeting and asked for an adjustment to a house on South Street. An adjustment was made to that residence in Aug. and there have been 2 leaks since. Property manager Don Martin believes an animal got under the house and knocked the pipes loose. The Board has no leeway in this matter. A residence can only have one adjustment a year and that quota has been filled. Unfortunately we cannot help with this.

Consent Agenda

On claims, Trustee Martin asked what Debbie Hull was paid for-she cleans the building. Also Walt Chambers replaced the rotted floor joist under Pat's office, no sign of active termites. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

Water Adjustments

There were two this month. The first one for L. Primmer-not sure if it was inside or outside so can't calculate adjustment until known, the second for R. Sullivan was an outside leak but it is between billing cycles so will not show up until the next billing period. Both have been signed. Table until next month.

Unfinished Business

- A. TNT-table for closed session
- B. House located at 308 N. Madison. No response from home owner. The Board can bring a demolition action, a nuisance under ordinances, both involve going to court. Supposedly the house has been sold and new owner plans to renovate.
- C. Veterans Park/Memorial. No action
- D. Property Purchase between Village and Ambulance Service. The Village has signed, waiting on signatures from ambulance parties and hope to have a closing date shortly.

New Business

- A. Payment to Norfleet for Crop Damage. Mr. Norfleet has presented a bill for \$3,525.00 for crop damage. This will be paid subject to engineers review. Motion to approve payment subject to review made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.
- B. Payment to Illianna. This is for street work over the summer. Motion to approve payment of \$43,723.77 to Illianna made by Trustee Seitz, second Gross, all yeas.

- C. Civic Center Security System. Estimate from Central Illinois Security consists of 2 parts-video system for the CC and also for the police department. It will be a key pad operation for CC. If the Village purchases the system, the Village could use volunteers to install it. Table for now.
- D. Business District program. The Village approved a 1% tax increase to help lure new business and to help business retention. The Board could initiate an emergency grant to help keep a business operating-roofs, AC, heating, etc. Grant could be up to \$20,000 and the business would reimburse half of that amount over 5 years. There are a large number of qualifying properties.. If 2 applicants at the same time, how to decide who gets a grant. The board could go by time turned in, not importance of project. Motion by Trustee Allen to approve grant based on fund ability and first come, first served status, second Martin, all yeas.
- E. Stocking of Pond. DNR claims they tried to contact the Village and now it is too late to stock the pond as they are out of fish. In the spring we could buy the fish or wait until October of 2014 and try to get them to stock the pond again. Need to get a price to see what the costs would be. Table for now.
- F. Payment to Ironhorse for Sidewalk. Table
- G. Appropriations Ord 595-2013. For review to be voted on next month. Amounts are less than 5%. Auditor suggest we lower Social Security in the past but now it will need to be raised.
- H. Civic Center Board/Committee. Limited as to what can be done-call it a committee. Everything involving the Center will have to be done by ordinance.. Park board makes recommendations and the mayor signs off. When it comes to rental, paying customers will trump over non-paying customers. There can be no alcohol allowed because the building will be Village property. All committee members would serve a certain length of time. Susan will come up with an ordinance and all financing will be through the Village. The consensus is to move forward, any ideas to be sent to Mayor Williams who will relay them to Susan.
- I. Civic Center Operation-to be looked over.
- J. Adoption of Fund Balance Policy-table for now.

The Health Alliance bill we received for next month shows an ACA tax of \$187. Brad talked to the agent-the tax is on group policies for Obama care. Brad does not feel the guys should have to pay this from the group insurance-it is not health care for them.

Motion to move to closed session 120-2(c)11 for litigation made by Trustee Allen, second Gross, All yeas at 6:47pm.

Regular session resumes at 7:00 pm on a motion by Trustee Marvin, second Powers.

Trustee Reports

Marvin-The fire department tried the dry pump at the pond-it works very well.

Next month is the annual Christmas meeting. Come and enjoy the goodies with the Board members. Water and sewer tap fees will need to be updated.

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm made by Trustee Gross, second Martin, all yeas.

Village Clerk 11/18/13

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