

## Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

July 16, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cerro Gordo met at 7:00 pm on July 16, 2012 in the Village hall. Those present are: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W. Mark Blickensderfer, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order. There was a deviation in the agenda as the Board moved to a discussion about a "mother-in-law" house. Someone is interested in buying a house in CG and replacing an existing garage with a "mother-in-law" house which would have separate utilities. There is no definition in the ordinance that addresses this issue. The zoning board needs a definition to rule on an issue such as this. The next question is what happens to that house after person passes or the property is sold. The zoning board could choose non-conforming issue to get around for now. Either way, this has to go before the zoning board. A poll for further study shows 1/2 and 1/2 so this will bring about a further study.

### Public Forum

B. Wright addressed the board of the possibility of water toys such as small boats to be used on the pond. Trustee Seitz wants to leave the ordinance as it is for now, as we just passed it, and Trustee Tirpak is in favor of re-addressing the issue. The board consensus is to wait for progression of the pond area as a park.

B. Shain would like to revisit the gold cart ordinance. Currently only one person can occupy a seat which means 2 to a bench seat. They like to take their grandkids and that means three in the front seat. Also they would like later hours of operation for golf carts. Chief Carter has no problem with later curfew. The number on the carts should be determined. If 2 adults and 1 child, the child should be defined by age or weight. This will be referred to the ordinance committee and put on the August agenda.

### Consent Agenda

Additions to claims will include bills from Frontier, Health Alliance, Bodine, RSNLT, and Ameren IP. Transamerica is a bridge program for the health insurance program. The Gordy Park swing set is purchased and Mark is trying to get a group together to put it up. He is working with Curt Vulgamott on this. Trustee Martin would like to get started on sidewalks. Need to find a contractor. Someone suggested DeBoise Concrete. Mark has been occurring a lot of overtime but then he is working by himself again. Born Park doors are rusted out and need replaced. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, roll call: Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.

### Water Adjustment

R. Dongoski is asking for an adjustment-he left a hose on all weekend. Motion to approve Trustee Allen, second Tirpak, all yeas.

### Unfinished Business

- A. Ordinance #574-2012 Ordinance adopting Codification of Ordinances. Motion made by Trustee Martin, second Tirpak, all yeas.
- B. Pond Rip Rap. If we continue the dry spell, may not have to pump the pond down to put in rip rap.
- C. Water line Agreement with T. Shambaugh-getting closer to a signed agreement.

- D. Entler-litigation closed session 120/2 C-11 and personnel 120/2 C-1. Motion to move to closed session at 7:45 pm made by Trustee Allen, second Ridgeway, all yeas. Regular session resumes at 8:25 pm on a motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz.
- E. Squad car. Pat has had some demos but the most economical is the Chevy Impala. Colors available are black, gold, silver, blue, and red, marked or unmarked car. Pat's recommendation is the marked car, and to stay with the color we have. Motion by Trustee Gross to authorize Pat to order a new squad, second Martin. Roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas. The video equipment in the squad has failed. Pat can use the funds in the DUI fund as a video system would fall under this. Motion by Trustee Seitz, to purchase additional equipment to be installed in the squad to not exceed \$5000, second Allen, roll call: Trustees Allen, Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, and Martin, all yeas.
- F. Drainage. Tom Overmyer will meet with TNT and will have easement documents ready. Gary Norfleet has said he will give it due consideration. He is the only person holding up the easements.
- G. EDR-Business District. Susan has requested some changes in the contract with EDR, they have agreed to that. The average tax rate in Illinois is 8.62%. The new tax rate for CG would be 7.25%. In anywhere from 2-5 years, when the economy recovers, it will be profitable. Can use TIF money to set up district. Keep in mind that the sales tax revenue will come back to the Village. Motion to accept contract with EDR to set up a Business District in Cerro Gordo made by Trustee Seitz, second Tirpak, all yeas.

#### New Business

- A. Sewer charge when water is shut off. Currently the Village still charges a minimum fee of \$5.30 for sewer when there is no water service to a property. This was instituted when the original bonds for the sewer project was started. Those bonds are paid off and so this fee can be canceled. Motion by Trustee Allen, second Gross to change the policy to no longer charge a sewer fee when water service is shut off, all yeas.
- B. School oil and chip project. There is more to this project. The township was not interested in doing the oil and chip and the amount the school projects is \$8,000. The board agreed to pay \$2,000 and the school would like the Village to pay half of the costs. The Board will stay with the original agreement of \$2,000. No further action is required.
- C. Mother-in Law house addressed earlier.
- D. Ordinance #573-2012 Ordinance changing the regularly scheduled meeting time. This will change from 7:00pm to 6:00pm effective with the next meeting on Aug. 20, 2012. Motion to approve made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, all yeas.

Mayor Williams attended a seminar on debt recovery. Will not work for a small department such as we have.

#### Trustees Report

Martin-asked about applications for Assist D.P.W. The Board received 8 applications and are looking at 4 to interview. Pat had no applications for the part time police officer. Martin also expressed concern that the Village donates money to the youth league for batting cages and they are not used much. Allen- has information on trees for a memorial. In Decatur, the Director of Parks has complete control of what is put on plaques. Cannot allow discretion on content. He also stated that there are a few holes on the side of the Municipal Building that need to be repaired. John Fair did the work originally. The Board might also want to look into forming a Friends of the Park foundation. The mayor will look for more information.

No further business came before the Board and a motion to adjourn was entered at 9:10 pm by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 7/16/12