

## Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

**FEB. 21, 2011**

The monthly meeting of the Village of Cerro Gordo and Board of Trustees met on Feb. 21, 2011 at 231 East South Street at 7:00 pm. Those present are: Temp. Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Dennis Ridgeway, Mick Tirpak, Dick Seitz, and Shamarie Allen. Also present were Atty. Susan Nicholas, P. C. Pat Carter, and Clerk Linda Ash. Treasurer Cris Perry and D.P. W. Mark Blickensderfer were absent.

The meeting was called to order and a public forum was held. Resident Bill Bender asked about replacing a barbed wire fence on property behind his house on Carmi Ct. He also asked about shooting snakes back there. Chief Carter advised him that it is against state law to shoot a weapon in town. Frontier spokesman Mike Boebinger spoke about high speed internet service becoming available to area residents. It should be up and running within a weeks' time. Representatives will be in the area advising residents about pricing for tv, phone, and internet service also.

Mayor Brad Williams has received a letter of resignation from Trustee Ron Price. He has moved from the village. A motion to accept his resignation was made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, all yeas. Mayor Williams would like to appoint Mike Gross to replace Ron for the remainder of his term. Motion to appoint Mike Gross to fill Ron's term was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Seitz. Roll call: Trustees Williams, Ridgeway, Seitz, and Allen, all yeas, Tirpak, nay.

### Consent Agenda

Minutes were approved with a correction in regards to a roll call vote concerning the Price easement. Mick Tirpak voted nay. In the financial report, the water and sewer CD's have been cashed in to pay for the South Jackson St. project. The bonds have been sold for the drainage project and \$900,000.00 has been deposited in a special fund for that project.

No further questions for the consent agenda and a motion to approve was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.

### Unfinished Business

Foth-South Jackson Street Project, the contract has been signed and the award letter signed. Everything is ready to go. An engineer will be on site when the project starts. Projected completion date is April 15/16. Entler is going to start with the storm sewers first.

Drainage-plans updated to reflect drainage district comments. The engineer would like to submit the plans as early as next week.

- A. Nothing to report on the TIF.
- B. 115 S. Adams house-Susan will take care of recording the title search.
- C. 317 S. Madison St. house-ready for demolition. Entler Excavating has that project.
- D. 202 E. Durfee house-vote this meeting to take bids for demolition. Owner has not come forth with any plans for the house. Motion by Trustee Ridgeway to take bids for this demolition, second Seitz, all yeas. Bids will need to be in by March 7, with demolition done by April 1, 2011
- E. Codification of Ordinances-all ordinances in at this time.
- F. Demo/building permit fees-table for now
- G. Drainage-discussed earlier.
- H. Ameren building on North St.-have informed Ameren that the Village is no longer interested in the building. It will need to be torn down.

New Business

- A. Price resignation-accepted and replacement named.
- B. New board member-Mike Gross
- C. Resolution #26-This resolution is required by the State, engineers are ok with it, attorney has reviewed it. Motion to approve Resolution #26- Providing for the Indemnification of the State of Illinois for Changes in Stormwater Runoff Within the village of Cerro Gordo, made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.
- D. Fat Hill Donation-last year the Village donated \$2000.00 Motion by Trustee Allen to make a \$1,000.00 donation, second Tirpak, roll call: Trustees Ridgeway, Tirpak, Seitz, Gross, Allen, and Williams, all yeas.

A motion was made by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak to move to closed session to discuss 120/2 C-11, litigation and 120/2 C-1, personnel at 7:47 pm.

Regular session resumes at 8:42 pm on a motion by Trustee Ridgeway, second Tirpak, all yeas.

Trustees report

Trustee Allen has ordered the plagues for the pergola-not ready yet. She has a furniture order and will give that to the clerk to order.

Trustee Tirpak-need to keep in mind sidewalks to the school. Working on a grant to provide sidewalks to more dangerous routes, such as Oakley Road and Franklin Street.

Chief Carter expressed a desire to purchase two ballistic plates for the squad cars. Money is in the budget for this. They will last forever as they have no expiration date. Motion by Trustee Seitz, second Tirpak to purchase these plates, all yeas. In Pat's police report he asked for permission for authorization to apply for a grant for a new squad car. This is a 4-5 hour process and the grant is 75/25. Our cost would be approximately \$2,400. We could receive a \$20,000 grant.

No further business to come before the board and the meeting adjourned on a motion by Trustee Allen, second Gross, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 2/21/11