

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

FEBRUARY 19, 2007

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 231 E. South Street. Those present were: President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Rod Forbes, Jerry Morris, Don Ritchie, and Mike Songer. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Rob Bratton, P.C. Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order, minutes read and approved. There were no sign-ups for the Public Forum but Fire Chief Randy West did report that the Fire Department hosted some rescued truck drivers from the snow storm.

CLAIMS REPORT

The claims report was presented and the following claims were added:

1. Matt Williams-\$125.00(adm)
2. Linda Hector-\$150.00(adm)
3. Decatur Springs-\$970.92(PW/WW/Sewer)
4. Effingham Equity-\$1694.51(PW/WW/Sewer)
5. Electrical Service-\$212.35(Sewer)

A motion to approve all claims was made by Trustee Shoraga, second Ritchie, all yeas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

One adjustment was presented. A motion to approve an adjustment for a resident was made by Trustee Ritchie, second Songer, all yeas. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Trustee Williams, second Songer, all yeas.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Rob had to have work done on the snow plow in the middle of the big snow storm. Decatur Springs had the work done by Friday morning, broke on Wednesday morning. Rob very pleased with the response. Also had the plow mount fixed and had to replace a front tire also.

The snow has kept the streets department busy plowing. He also cleaned out around the drains this morning so when the snow starts to melt, the water can run to the drains.

Rob needs a new bed for the salt truck. The trucks themselves are in good shape-just need some repairs and replacements. Rob will look for a used bed for the truck. State bids are between \$56-58,000 for an equipped truck.

Lift station panel on hold until weather clears up.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Pat met with the grounds committee and together they put up a bid proposal and specs. The bid was awarded to Flaughter Electric. Trustee Songer inquired about the price of a new siren as the one we have is no longer being manufactured. Parts are no longer available unless an old one can be found.

Pat attended a seminar in St. Louis and received a pair of special binoculars that were attained from a grant. These particular grants are geared towards small departments.

Everything about set for the open house on Saturday, Feb. 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

Candy Wilderman asked the Village for help in sponsoring her child for a baby contest. The Village does not sponsor individuals but did appreciate her coming in to ask.

Judy Tuvell was present and asked for financial help with the Fathill Fest this summer. She also asked about closing part of Wait Street for concessions and the washer tournament. She had no set amount for a donation as there are funds left from the sesquicentennial. Trustee Shoraga made a motion to donate the same amount as last year, \$1,000, with a second from Trustee Forbes, all yeas.

OLD BUSINESS

Atty. McCarty has sent a letter to resident concerning a June 1 deadline to vacate a building.

Drainage-Final payment to Burdick (retainage fee) and be released. Motion by Trustee Williams, second Songer, all yeas to pay the balance of Burdicks bill.

Engineer Dave Happ also closed out the paperwork for MFT for 2006. A resolution was passed by the Board for \$45,000, an estimated \$40,000 was needed and an actual \$35,000 was spent. IDOT puts \$4500 back into the account.

TIF-contact with Mr. Schuering to set up a Special Meeting for finalization plans.

ESDA Siren-Atty. McCarty will set up a lease agreement with the Fire District for the spot where the ESDA siren will be placed.

Mediacom-no contact with them as yet.

A form was sent from IDOT for a resolution for closing highways if needed for parades. This resolution is good for one year. Motion to pass resolution made by Trustee Ritchie, second Songer, all yeas.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Shoraga- Property on Hunt Street (old Illinois Power building) needs cleaned up. Also everyone received a letter from the fair regarding the beauty pageant donation and also a letter regarding computer software upgrades for the general ledger, payroll, and checkbook.

Trustee Morris-questions about burned house on Hunt Street. A contractor has been to the Village office in regards to questions concerning water and sewer lines. He has been hired by the insurance company to demolish the house but has to wait for weather conditions to improve.

Trustee Ritchie- heard lots of good comments about snow removal.

Just a reminder-the open house for all Village offices will be held on Saturday, Feb 24th from 1-4 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM made by Trustee Williams, second Shoraga.

Village Clerk 2/19/07