

## **Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo**

**MAY 21, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the President and Board of Trustee met on May 21, 2007 at 231 E. South Street. Those present included: President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Jerry Morris, Don Ritchie, and Mike Songer. Trustee Rod Forbes was absent. Also present were Treasurer Cris Perry, Clerk Linda Ash, Atty. Colette McCarty, P.C. Pat Carter, and D.P.W. Rob Bratton.

The meeting was called to order and the previous months minutes were read along with the minutes from a special meeting held on April 21, 2007. Both sets of minutes approved on a motion by Trustee Williams, second Ritchie, all yeas.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Paul Workman was present and requested a section of South Street be blocked off during the Fat Hill Fest for the purpose of holding a car show. That way, they can accommodate at least 50 cars. The President suggested he talk to Rob as to where to put the barricades and when he will need them set up.

Tom Hyde likes the newsletters and suggests the Board support the local businesses through it.

### **CLAIMS REPORT**

No additions to the claims report this month. Motion to approve made by Trustee Shoraga, second Ritchie, all yeas.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Adjustment request for Ron Pflum, S. Bacon, and P. Holmlund. One did not meet the required amount for an adjustment, and one had not signed the paperwork for an adjustment. Motion to approve adjustment made by Trustee Ritchie, second Morris, all yeas. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Trustee Williams, second Songer.

### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The lift station panels came in Friday. The bed for the truck is in and ready for installation. Rob will take the truck down on Friday.

The new lawn tractor is here and running. There was some vandalism reported at Born Park. The restrooms are being targeted again and Rob suggest locking them up at 6:00 P.M. every night. Burdick will install a new towel holder that will not be able to be ripped off the wall.

At this time, President Morgan presented Trustees Jerry Morris and Don Ritchie with a plaque for their services to the Village.

The meeting adjourned sine-die. The new Trustees were sworn in and the meeting was called to order. Those present are President Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Carol Huff, Ron Price, and Mike Songer. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, Clerk Linda Ash, D.P.W. Rob Bratton, and P.C. Pat Carter.

The new committees are as follows:

Water-Mike Songer, Brad Williams  
Finance-Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga  
Streets & Alley-Ron Price, Rod Forbes  
Public Grounds-Lyle Shoraga, Mike Songer  
Ordinances-Rod Forbes, Carol Huff

Sewer-Carol Huff, Ron Price  
Police-Pres. James Morgan  
Fire & Public Health-Entire Board

Zoning Boards members reappointed are John Sochor and Dennis Ridgeway. These terms are for 7 years.

Park Board members reappointed are Lisa Lovekamp and Sandy Fitzgerrald. These are 5 year terms.

Motion to approve committees made by Trustee Shoraga, second Songer, all yeas.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Engineer Dave Happ presented the MFT budget for the 2007 year. He presented a map of the streets to be oiled and chipped this summer. A run down of the budget is as follows:

Oil and Chip-\$19225.50  
Patching-\$5350  
Drainage-\$800  
Signs-\$880  
Calcium Chloride-\$1980  
Pavement Paint-\$240

The total cost is \$28478.51 plus \$3277 in engineering fees for a total budget of \$31752.92. These are all cost estimates. He presented an agreement between Foth and the Village and a schedule of fees. David also presented an IDOT Resolution for approximately \$33,000 in MFT. Motion to pass the resolution made by Trustee Williams, second Shoraga, all yeas.

Members of the Piatt County Museum Board would like a resolution passed to support the museum. Motion to pass this resolution, worded similar to the City of Monticello, made by Trustee Songer, second Price, all yeas.

Youth League Treasurer Brenda Crist was present at the meeting to request \$5000 donation to the Youth League. This money is used for improvements to Gordy park and is budgeted every year.

Correspondence to the Village included a Thank You note from the school for providing some celebrity readers, a Thank You to the Fire Department and the EMT's involving some local people in an accident, and a letter informing the Board if any problems arise with the Fair, to please contact Rick Anklam.

#### POLICE REPORT

Pat passed out the stats for the month. He also has a copy of the bid notice for the squad car. These bids do not need to be sealed. There are no problems with the liability insurance carrier concerning the tasers. Contingent upon selling excess equipment, Trustee Shoraga made a motion to purchase the tasers, with a second by Trustee Songer. Roll call: Trustee Williams, yea, Shoraga, yea, Forbes, absent, Huff, yea, Price, yea, and Songer, yea.

Pat is working on getting the ordinances changed so the money from any fines will stay directly in Cerro Gordo instead of a percentage staying in Cerro Gordo. Colette is working on resolving this issue.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Edwards Plant-There is a new treasurer and Colette will request that the treasurer sell the property at a tax sale or scavenger sale.

TIF- will need to file petitions for annexation. Property that now houses a rock pile will be annexed into the Village. This request will be available for public viewing. Motion by Trustee Williams, second Shoraga to set up annexation for viewing and public inspection made, all yeas.

Mediacom-Still trying to get someone to correspond with our attorney. The Village has a verbal agreement with Mediacom but nothing on paper. This concerns the rental of the shed were they house some equipment and where the satellites are resting.

Vulgamott Building-June 1 is the deadline for the current tenant. The Village will start enforcement procedures.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Williams-still looking at water rates and figures.

Trustee Shoraga-several complaints received about racing at the fair grounds past the 10:00 deadline. Members of the Board were told by the leasor, Chad Bennett that the races would try to be done by 10:00 P.M.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Need to pass the Appropriations Ordinance and the Prevailing Wage ordinance. These will be presented at the June meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 made by Trustee Williams, second Songer, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 5/21/07