

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

APRIL 17, 2006

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustee was held on April 17th at 7:00 in the Municipal Building. The following members were present: President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Rod Forbes, Don Ritchie, and Mike Songer. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Rob Bratton, P.C. Pat Carter, and Clerk Linda Ash. Trustee Morris was absent as was Treasurer Cris Perry.

The meeting was called to order and the public forum was held first. Resident Randy West, Gary Shaffer and John Baker requested time to address the Board. Randy expressed concerns with the sink in the police department, the commons area and the railroad crossing on Lincoln St. John Baker reported a dog problem and asked about use of the parks, while Gary asked for a donation to the Piatt Co. Senior Citizens Transportation Program, and addressed the issue of sidewalks over Lincoln St. crossing.

CLAIMS REPORT

The following amounts need to be added to the claims reports for clothing allowance for Rob and Mark: \$200 in Public Works and \$112.57 in the Water. Dan Williams presented an invoice for 85% of the total project and asked that the Board pay this amount. Motion to approve Danbec's payment made by Trustee Ritchie, seconded by Songer. The police department is done and just needs a walk through. They will need to be moved in before Dan can complete the project. Roll call vote on motion: Trustees Williams, Shoraga, Forbes, Ritchie, and Songer, all yeas.

In regards to the Flaughter bills, a motion was entered to pay the plumbing bill in the amount of \$2875 and hold other bills until all work is complete. Upon further discussion, a motion was entered to pay the plumbing bill of \$2875 and the electrical bill of \$4127.05. The other bill in the amount of \$1120.20 will be held until all work is complete and done to the satisfaction of the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Shoraga, second Forbes, all yeas.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The pole at the lift station on Franklin St. has been changed. Rob will include in the budget the estimate for the electrical to be redone. There was a possible lightning strike at the sewer plant. The work on the rock filter should be done this week.

The drainage project has been staked, the pipes are in, and the manhole covers are here also. Hopefully will start the project Wednesday or Thursday. The contractors will start at the park weather permitting.

Lost power at the wells last night due to the storm and were back running at 9:00 A.M. The generator worked very well in the interim.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Carter expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department and the Streets Department during the recent storms.

No stats for the month, things have been a little slow, however, there have been 3 reported burglaries at the Legion Post, and one at Gordy Park.

The grant process for 2006 has been allocated. October starts the next round of grants. Pat would like to put in the budget the items we need to have but also include items that would be great to have for grant purposes. Ordinance meeting had to be rescheduled and they have not met yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Alley-No progress

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Vulgamott Building-wait until October. Galen doesn't feel it is feasible to be out before then.

Security-Trustee Songer talked to Wareham's. They will be here a week from the 18th to install the security system at Gordy Park, Village shed, and sewer plant.

Edwards plant-This may take awhile to find the bank that the property was included in. The docket entry would be helpful. This could also become quite costly.

Grant Project-On hold for now. Rod has copies of application for the income survey, and also 25 % of the Village's money has to be set aside.

NEW BUSINESS

ESDA- Jim has been in contact with Ameren IP about 3 phase service to the site, Mediacom about the tower, and there is a generator ready to operate the siren.

TIF Zone- President Morgan attended a conference on this issue.

Window at the dentist office needs to be replaced. The office will contact B & B Glass to give us an estimate on replacing the window.

Electrical at Gordy Park-Kelly Huff was at the meeting representing the Youth League. Phil Flaughner has agreed to donate materials but needs a waiver from the Village stating he will not be held responsible. The new fencing is done at the boys diamond(South diamond) and the Youth League would like to replace the netting at the girls diamond(North diamond). They will also be moving the dugouts. The Youth League hopes the Village remembers them for their project as they prepare the budget for next year. Play day is set for June 3rd.

Park Pavilion Repairs-Grounds committee went to the two parks and agreed there was room for improvement. They would like to replace the roofs on the pavilions, try to make the pavilion at Born Park bird proof. They included a list of items to be addressed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Shoraga-Any work needed done yet at the commons area will be referred to the original contractor.

Trustee Forbes-Acquired ordinance information from Champaign, Urbana, Springfield, and Decatur.

A closed session will be needed for personnel 120/C-1 and lease of property 120/C-6. Motion to adjourn regular meeting for closed session at 8:50 P.M. made by Trustee Ritchie, second Songer, all yeas.

Regular session resumes at 9:12 P.M. A walk through was performed in the new Police Department. Some items still need to be finished. Among those are knobs for cabinets, lights outside, in the hallway, plumbing under the sink replace, mirror and paper holders for the restroom, deadbolt for the e front door, deadbolt for the back door, baseboard heaters in back office. The furnace room is satisfactory. A motion was made by Trustee Williams, second Shoraga to hold \$1120.20 from Flaughner's bills and pay the remaining invoices.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Songer, Ritchie second at 9:43 P.M.

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