

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo  
August 15, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 PM on August 15, 2022 in the village hall. The following members were present: Mayor Frazier, Trustee Hyde, Trustee Frydenger, Trustee Keirl, Trustee Embree, Trustee Powers, DPW Mark Blickensderfer, Attorney Susan Nicholas, Treasurer Samantha Schenkel, and Interim Clerk & Collector Tanya Frazier. Clerk Tina McCarty absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Public Forum**

Public ground rules were read aloud for public.

- Evelyn Eads was present to request a reseed of her front yard after the reseed by the contractors was washed out with the August rains. DPW said the Village will reseed that portion of her yard in September.
- Pam Miller and Mike Howell were present to complain about 210 W. North St and the refuse in the yard, the burning of garbage, nighttime noise and bright lights, and abandoned pick up truck full of trash.

**I. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve minutes: July 18, 2022
- B. Approve claims report
- C. Approve financial reports

No further discussion and a MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Powers, seconded Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: all Yeas. Motion carried by Omnibus Vote.

**II. Water Adjustments**

- A. Motion was made by Trustee Powers seconded by Trustee Keirl to approve water adjustment for Katie Helm June \$94.73 to \$53.62. Roll Call all yea.

**III. Unfinished Business**

**A. Update on Water Main Project - Approve final pay estimate**

Tom Overmyer confirmed all actions complete on Water Main Project and a final amount of \$532,956.12 and provided information on EPA loans to help cover 3% contingencies on current loan.

Mr. Overmyer will provide a dollar amount of the overage costs at next meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Embree to approve final payment of \$532,956.12. Roll call, all yeas.

**B. Discussion for residential solid waste collection – No Update**

**C. Discussion on 207 E South Street**

Attorney Nicholas filed a complaint for demolition to both the Library and Luthy to accept Service. Will also have to serve the Company that paid the previous years' taxes. Currently waiting for the 30 days to expire, unless all parties agree beforehand. Village proposition is to front the costs of the demolition and final costs to be assessed after the fact. If denial or no answer by 30 days will set for hearing to Court for demolition.

**D. Discussion / Action on Drainage at Gordy Park**

Motion was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Powers, to approve quote received from S&S landscaping to abate water in NW corner of the park by tying into an intake into an existing drainage in the amount of \$3,040.00. Roll call, all yeas.

**E. Discussion / Action on water tower/controls update – tabled until September**

**F. Discussion / Action Veterans Park Master Plan proposal**

Motion was made by Trustee Frydenger to approve quote from Fehr Graham to develop Veteran's Park Maser Plan in the amount of \$23,000.00, No Second, Motion failed.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Discussion on Kirby ambulance service**

Kirby Representative Christal Alexander and Kirby Chief Clinical Officer Jen Moss provided an update on the Decatur Ambulance Service. City of Decatur issued a license to AMR/GMR on 15 Aug 22 to begin providing Ambulance Service to Decatur and the Greater Macon County. CG Fire Department will take the lead to find and track details.

**B. Approve Water/ wastewater assistance from community action for Covey**

Motion was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Hyde, to approve wastewater assistance from Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois in the amount of \$200.00. Roll call, all yeas.

**C. Discussion of PCSO shift variation**

Sheriff Mark Vogelzang gave an update on the PCSO shift bids that will occur in Dec with new rotations to begin in Jan. Decision by Village Board required in November meeting to meet deadline for December bids. Deputy Devon Meredith departs 21 Aug and Deputy Dave Lansford will take his place.

**D. Discussion / Action on handicap parking option at Veterans Park**

Mayor Frazier discussed installing handicap parking pad at Veteran's Park. Trustee Hyde requested a concrete sidewalk to connect pad to Madison St. Attorney Nicholas suggested a bid for pad with options to include sidewalk to the street. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Embree, to have Fehr Graham put together bid documents for pad with options to include sidewalk to the street. Roll call, all yeas.

**E. Discussion / Action to authorize Fehr-Graham to develop bid docs for demolition of 207 S Street utilizing TIF funds**

Mayor Frazier discussed with TIF Lawyer Gene Norber the use of TIF funds versus Business District funds for bid documents development for the demolition of 207 S. Street. Lawyer Norber recommended using TIF funds, as they are allowed and offer greater flexibility. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Powers, to approve Fehr Graham to develop bid documents for demolition of 207 S. Street in the amount of \$12,000.00 utilizing TIF Funds. Roll Call, all yeas.

**F. Discussion / Action on MFT / Drainage Fund Spring 2023 project development**

Mayor Frazier discussed the fact the MFT funds have ~\$180-200k and Drainage Funds ~\$170-180k that need to be put to good use. There is a possibility of utilizing both funds for one large project to encourage additional contractors to bid as the project can have line/pay items to differentiate funds. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Keirl, to approve Fehr Graham to develop bid documents to ID scope of work for a vote by the Board during the September meeting. Roll call, all yeas.

**G. Discussion / Action on speeding in Village limits and possible mitigation efforts**

Mayor Frazier discussed speeding complaints on multiple streets within the Village, and offered possible solutions to combat. Sheriff Vogelzang stated the PCSO is receiving a new radar tower and would be willing to put it in the Village to collect data on the streets mentioned. Additionally, there are two radar signs with the Village limits that should provide data, which Mayor Frazier will try to get. This issue is tabled until more data is collected from the Radar Towers.

**H. Discussion / Action on Good Energy (Energy Consultant) recommendation for Village electricity pricing agreement**

Good Energy found two different pre-priced energy agreements for the Village Municipal buildings. Attorney Nicholas mentioned this was not up for auction at this time. Motion was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Frydenger, to approve the Home Field Energy Rate for 48 months for a savings of \$47,000. Roll call, all yeas.

**I. Closed Session to discuss the semi annual review and release of closed session minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 120-2(c)21**

Motion was made by Trustee Keirl, second by Trustee Powers to move into closed session to 5ILCS Section 2.06 120-2(c)11. Roll call all yeas 7:22 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Keirl, second by Trustee Hyde to move out of closed session at 7:41 PM. Roll call all yeas.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VI. TRUSTEE REPORT/PRESIDENT REPORT**

**Jeff Powers** – No update

**Joe Frydenger** – After motion failed on Veterans Park Master Plan, he believes a plan is still needed and believes a future plan laying out everything that is included in the Plan may pass in the future.

**Nick Hyde** – Need to touch base with Parks Committee to use funds

**Ryan Keirl** – Need to get together with Trustee Powers regarding the 2023 Road/Drainage project

**Jennifer Embree** – Reviewing ordinances

**Kevin Frazier** – Working on getting a fill for the empty trustee position. Will post a questionnaire at [fathill.com](http://fathill.com) and in the Village Hall window, as well as post a notice on the Facebook page.

**No further business came before the Board and a Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Embree, at 7:54pm. roll call: all yeas.**

*Tanya A.C. Frazier*

Interim Village Clerk & Collector