

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo
March 20, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 PM on March 20, 2023 in the village hall. The following members were present: Mayor Frazier, Trustee Hyde, Trustee Frydenger, Trustee Keirl, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Embree, Trustee Powers, DPW Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Samantha Schenkel and Attorney Susan Nicholas. Clerk Tina McCarty and Interim Clerk & Collector Tanya Frazier absent.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC FORUM

– Evelyn Eads made a public complaint against 543 W. Abraham Property looking bad. President Frazier acknowledged complaint.

– Katie Helm thanked the Board for allowing the Lord’s Storehouse Food Pantry use of the Civic Center.

– Michael Kuizinas petitioned the board re: 102 E. North 42000G water useage. Mr. Kuizinas stated there wasn’t a water leak found and would like his original water adjustment that was submitted during the 20 Feb Board Meeting to be approved. Lawyer Nicholas stated her recommendation was to ensure the water issue has been rectified before the Board approves adjustment as only one per year is approved. Mayor Frazier asked Mr. Kuizinas and DPW meet to verify water issue is no longer present then Board will review the request again during April Meeting.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes: Regular Board Meeting – Regular Board Meeting – February 20, 2023

B. Approve claims report

C. Approve financial reports

No further discussion and a MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Hyde, 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 Kenneth Covey January Water bill \$138.64 to \$68.21. Roll Call all yea.

B. Motion was made by Trustee Powers seconded by Trustee Keirl to approve water adjustment for Todd Hendricks January Water bill \$227.42 to \$87.98. Roll Call all yea.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion / Action on Water Main Project – No Update can remove on future agendas

B. Discussion / Action on water tower/controls update

1. Authorize President Frazier to sign:

Funding Nomination Form – asking IEPA to set up a Loan number in anticipation of future construction project

Project Planning Submittal Checklist – IEPA forms required to submit for future projects

Environmental Checklist – IEPA forms required to submit for future projects

Tom Overmeyer explained the documents and that they will all be submitted to the IEPA once signed.

Motion was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Powers, to approve Mayor Frazier sign all three documents to submit to the IEPA. Roll Call, all yeas.

C. Discussion / Action on 207 E South Street – Mayor Frazier provided an update. The Village is under contract with Meuller Enterprises to perform the demolition of 207 E South St. Kickoff meeting was held on 20 March with Contractor, Fehr Graham, Mayor, DPW, Library, and the Depot. Required EPA forms submitted to the EPA by Fehr Graham on 20 March. Beginning 22 March construction barrier fencing and cleanout should begin with hand demolition to begin on/around 3 April which should last about 5 weeks. Beginning May, removal of the entirety of the second floor and first floor walls begins. With the remainder of the building anticipated being completed by Mid-July 2023 with basement work/reinforcement to commence. Finally, a

masonry contractor will be brought in to review and bid on final completion of the new exterior wall. With potential total project completion of late August/early September. Library will be able to move back in once all walls are down and HVAC has been inspected, which may not be until mid-June.

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

1. Discussion / Action on 2023 MFT projects – Tom overmeyer stated bid opening scheduled for 28 March at FG office. Currently have two bids and will report results once that opening occurs.

2. Update on Carter Street drainage project development – Tom overmeyer noted an issue the DPW is aware of: this draining has to be tied into an old/existing 16 inch storm sewer that runs to the North along Washington St and eventually runs out by the Cemetery and into a ravine. Currently having a hard time finding that storm sewer and the manholes. DPW did a preliminary investigation with Illinois Rural Water and they confirmed there are manholes there, but weren't able to locate them topside to be able to dig them up. DPW contacted Telescan to help locate manholes but it may take some time for them to actually get to Cerro Gordo. This project may be delayed ~30 days. Once manhole information is received, it will take 30 days to bid followed by approval/acceptance at a Board Meeting. Anticipating May/June timeframe. Additionally, IEPA is asking communities to inventory and reduce lead service lines in water systems. Fehr Graham is willing to work with the Village to accomplish this task. There is a 25 Apr 2023 IEPA deadline to submit requests for funding. Tom Overmeyer suggests setting up a Water Committee/Special Board meeting to review/discuss ASAP to meet deadline. DPW told Board this task may be impossible without IEPA funding, and wholly supports this endeavor to ensure the Village meets the IEPA direction/deadlines. Mayor Frazier scheduled a Special Meeting 23 March at 6:00 P.M. to discuss/vote on this action.

3. Update on South Street sidewalk improvement / ADA compliance study – Mayor Frazier described project and Tom Overmyer suggested this project be sent to the Streets & Alleys Committee, Mayor Frazier agreed. A Special Meeting to be held on 29 March 2023.

E. Discussion / Action on Kirby proposed gym space in Cerro Gordo Community Center – Mayor Frazier re-introduced topic and updated the Board on a draft lease agreement Kirby is proposing at \$350.00 a month for 36 months and the method for determining that lease amount. Lawyer Nicholas has reviewed and has a few questions, but Mayor Frazier states the Board is at a place they could vote in principal on the price and length of term pending Lawyer review and final approval. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Embree, to approve Mayor Frazier sign the Kirby Civic Center Lease, subject to approval by Lawyer Nicholas. Roll Call, all yeas.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratification on Resolution No. 49-2023, Beth Medlen Special Use Permit – Mayor Frazier provided a brief history on the process of Medlen Enterprises receiving the Special use and that all Special Use permits are to be issued via a Resolution. Motion was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Keirl, to adopt Resolution No. 49-2023, granting Beth Medlen Special Use Permit. Roll Call, all yeas.

B. Consideration / Action on Resolution No. 50-2023, Resolution of the Village of Cerro Gordo in support of Tax Increment Financing. Lawyer Nicholas explained the history of the resolution. The IML requested community support against a proposed legislation to dismantle the TIF via a resolution in support of voting against the proposed legislation. Lawyer Nicholas suggest Trustee Frydenger abstain from any vote. Motion was made by Trustee Embree, seconded by Trustee Powers, to adopt Resolution No. 50-2023, Resolution of the Village of Cerro Gordo in support of Tax Increment Financing. Roll Call, five yeas, one abstention.

C. Discussion / Action on IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Electronic Signature – IDOT has proposed allowing electronic signatures on all future IDOT documents. Motion was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Walsh, to approve the Mayor to electronically sign IDOT documents. Roll Call, all yeas.

D. Discussion / Action on Civic Center west side door replacement – Norfolk Southern gave the Village a community grant restricted to spending at the Civic Center. Weedman's Door and Hardware installers submitted a proposal to replace the westside door and hardware for a total of \$3395.00. Motion was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Hyde, to approve spending \$3395.00 for replacement of westside civic center door and hardware. Roll Call, all yeas.

E. Ratification on increase of rent to Norfolk Southern. –

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

VI. TRUSTEE REPORT/PRESIDENT REPORT

Jeff Powers – Trustee Powers mentioned Golf Cart fees and asked the Board if they believed it was worth the time and effort of collecting fees on Saturdays and collecting fees in general. Treasurer Schenkel noted the permits are printed by the Village, there are 70-75 permits issued per year, and the Village does not have Saturday sign-ups anymore. Mayor Frazier mentioned, and Lawyer Nicholas agreed, there is Statutory reasons for having Golf Cart permits, and the Village must continue providing permits, not necessarily charging a fee. Trustee Powers agreed this topic does not need to be placed on the April Meeting. Trustee Powers also mentioned a community garden plot potential and asked if anyone had heard of interest, potentially at Veteran's Park. The Extension Service in Monticello had been interested in supporting the Village residents in the past, but no mention of an interested entity currently. Mayor Frazier asked the Public Grounds Committee if they might be interested in pursuing information, and Ms. Evelyn Eads said it would be at the Extension Service in Monticello. Trustee Frydenger said he would follow up with them.

Joe Frydenger – Asked if the Village had received the Order Form for the Fish restocking in Veteran's Park. Treasurer Schenkel stated the Village has not received and Trustee Frydenger will follow up.

Nick Hyde – mentioned the \$5000.00 grant from Norfolk Southern to spruce up the Civic Center is almost totally spent.

Ryan Keirl – None

Jennifer Embree – None

Connie Walsh – None

Mark Blickensderfer – DPW mentioned the Piatt County Soil and Water Conservation District E-Recycle date was approaching and asked if anyone had items to get rid of. The Village pays money annually to allow residents to dispose of their E-recycle through this program. Mayor Frazier asked for the notice to be sent out on the Facebook Page.

Kevin Frazier – None

No further business came before the Board and a Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Hyde, at 7:01 PM. roll call: all yeas.

Tanya A.C. Frazier
Interim Village Clerk & Collector