

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo
May 19, 2025**

The monthly meeting of the President and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on May 19, 2025 in the Village Hall. The following members were present: President Powers, Trustee Hyde, Trustee Frydenger, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Keirl, DPW Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Samantha Schenkel, Attorney Susan Nicholas, and Clerk Kelley Morrison. Guests: Katie Helm, Wyatt Schlabach, Kristin Chenoweth, Andy Hanfland, Monta Hyde, and three members from Prairieland ABATE.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Powers at 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADJOURN SINE DIE

The Oath of Office was given by Clerk Kelley Morrison to the Newly Elected President; Kevin Frazier. The Oath of Office was given by Clerk Kelley Morrison to the Newly Elected Trustees; Jeff Powers, Chad Anderson, Nick Hyde, and Monta Hyde.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

I. CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed under the consent agenda are routine in nature and will be acted by one motion and one vote. If separate action on any item is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. Approve minutes from:
Regular Board Meeting April 21, 2025
- B. Approve Financial reports from:
Regular Board Meeting April 21, 2025
- C. Approve Claims

MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: All Ayes.

II. WATER ADJUSTMENTS

None

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Action on Tank Painting (Water Tower) Controls Update
No update - bypass funding
- B. Discussion / Action on 207 E South Street - Next Steps
Before approving the invoice - It will be approved after they come out and take pictures during the final inspection.
- C. Discussion / Action on Carter Street Drainage Project Bid Packet
Out to bid until May 27th. There are 4 bids so far. Opening bids will take place at the Village Hall on May 27th at 2:00 pm. There will be a Special Meeting on June 2nd at 6:00 pm for acceptance of bid and award of contract. Work can then begin 30 days after May 27th.
- D. Discussion / Action on South Street Sidewalk Improvement
Plan set and PDR mark-ups. Timeline: submit to IDOT, funding from ITEP in the Fall of 2026.
- E. Discussion / Action on Lead Service Line Inventory Grant and Inventory Project
\$30,000 grant application can be done by Fehr Graham with a submittal fee of \$1,500.

MOTION to approve \$1,500 to Fehr Graham for submission of the grant application was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Powers. Roll Call: All Ayes.

- F. Discussion / Action on 209 & 211 South Street Exterior Inspections
Working in good faith.
- G. Discussion / Action on 213 South Street Exterior Inspections
President Frazier will get an update for the June meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Keirl to move into liquor commission at 6:09 pm. Roll Call: All Ayes.

- A. Discussion / Action on Special Events Retailer Liquor License for the Piatt County Fair.
MOTION to approve the Special Events Retailer Liquor License for the Piatt County Fair was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: All Ayes.
- B. Discussion / Action on Special Events Retailer Liquor License for the American Legion Post #117.
MOTION to approve the Special Liquor License for the American Legion Post #117 was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Powers. Roll Call: All Ayes.
- C. Discussion / Action on Special Events Retailer Liquor License for Prairieland ABATE.
They asked if they could do a small fireworks display on May 31st at 9:30 pm.
MOTION to approve the Special Events Retailer Liquor License and Fireworks Display for Prairieland ABATE was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: All Ayes.

MOTION was made by Trustee Frazier, seconded by Trustee Keirl to move out of liquor commission at 6:13 pm. Roll Call: All Ayes.

- D. Discussion / Action on Donation to the Cerro Gordo Youth League (\$7,000 last year)
Kristin Chenoweth was present to answer any questions. The donation is used to buy equipment, footballs, baseballs and softballs.
MOTION to approve \$7,000 Donation to the Cerro Gordo Youth League was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: All Ayes.
- E. Discussion / Action 2025 MFT Program with Farnsworth Group
Andy Hanfland will send the resolution to IDOT and then have the full packet ready for the Special Board Meeting on June 2nd, 2025 at 6:00 pm.
- F. Discussion / Action on Junk Ordinance
Susan will work on the Junk Ordinance - Consensus
- G. Discussion / Action on TIF District - 2025 Annual Fact Sheet & Conflict of Interest Review
President Frazier will need to fill out the conflict of interest form and possibly Trustee Anderson. We have until June 30, 2025 to complete.
- H. Discussion / Action on Sale of 2000 Chevy 1 Ton Truck
ADPW wants to sell the truck to Bryant Scrap. DPW Blickensderfer agreed that it needed to be sold for scrap.
MOTION to approve the sell of the 2000 Chevy 1 Ton Truck to Bryant Scrap was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: All Ayes.
- I. Discussion / Action on Committee Assignments
The Committee Assignments are complete.
- J. Discussion / Action on Illinois Funds Resolution (Susan Nicholas)
President Frazier and Clerk Morrison will get together with Susan Nicholas for the dollar amounts and accounts to pull money from. The Resolution will need the dollar amounts added.
MOTION to approve Illinois Funds Resolution was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: All Ayes.
- K. Discussion / Action on Rescinding Increase in Water Rates Ordinance 620-2024 (Susan Nicholas)
MOTION to approve Rescinding Increase in Water Rates Ordinance 694-2025 was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Powers. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Nay by Trustee N. Hyde.

L. Discussion / Action on FY2025 Budget

MOTION to approve the FY2025 Budget was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee N. Hyde. Roll Call: All Ayes.

MOTION was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Powers to enter into Closed Session to discuss Employee Compensation at 7:14 pm.

MOTION was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Anderson to move out of Closed Session at 7:36 pm.

M. Discussion / Action on Employee Compensation

MOTION to approve a \$5.01 raise for Jereme Endrizzi and a 6% increase for Kelley Morrison, Samantha Schenkel, Mark Blickensderfer, and Curt Vulgamott was made by Trustee Hyde, seconded by Trustee Powers. Roll Call: All Ayes.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5ILCS 120/2 (c) / (21): Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes by section 2.06

5ILCS 120/2(c)/(1): Discuss employees' issues - the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11): Discussion of pending, probable Threatened or imminent litigation.

5ILCS 120/2 (c) / (5): Discussion of the purchase or lease of real property.

VI. TRUSTEE REPORT/ PRESIDENT REPORT

Trustee M. Hyde - Wants to know how to get names on the Vet Park wall. Sammy will email him the form to fill out.

Trustee Anderson - Fiber Optics has no regulatory and can charge for a permit. If they mess up enough, we can do something as a board.

Trustee Walsh - Liked the new engineering company - Farnsworth Group.

Trustee Powers - Concern about all the trash around town, but the junk ordinance will help with that issue.

Trustee Keirl - Nothing

Trustee N. Hyde - No Knock Policy and List - Reach out to Monticello since they have a No Knock Policy.

DPW Blickensderfer - Opinion on Homefield Energy - Energy Co-op with other communities - President Frazier will take care of feedback if needed for a PSA. Maintenance on the wells - well 8 will need to be budgeted for next year. Warning siren is not spinning - Is this the Village of Fire Department? - Could be the motor or a belt - Village will need to fix it and there are grants if needed. Retiring June 30, 2026.

President Powers - Nothing

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Nay by Trustee N. Hyde.

Kelley Morrison

Village of Cerro Gordo Clerk