

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo  
July 21, 2025**

The monthly meeting of the President and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on July 21, 2025 in the Village Hall. The following members were present: President Frazier, Trustee M. Hyde, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Powers, Trustee Keirl, Trustee N. Hyde, DPW Mark Blickensderfer, Attorney Susan Nicholas, Treasurer Samantha Schenkel and Clerk Kelley Morrison.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

7:28 pm to 7:31 pm - Les Carter commented on the neighbor's house having a hole in the roof, raccoons living in the house and a shed full of critters. He also stated that 210 N Monroe has a big hole (storm drain).

**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 June 16, 2025
- B. Approve Financial reports from:  
Regular Board Meeting May 19, 2025  
Regular Board Meeting June 16, 2025
- C. Approve Claims - Minus Check for Kevin Frazier \$750 was voided. Should have been for \$1,000.  
MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Powers. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**II. WATER ADJUSTMENTS**

- A. Water Adjustment - None

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion / Action on Tank Painting (Water Tower) Controls Update  
Moved to Farnsworth and President Frazier will reach out to Andy Hanfland.
- B. Discussion / Action on 207 E South Street - Deed / Invoice  
The deed is signed and Kelley Morrison will take it to Piatt County and file it with the Clerk.
- C. Discussion / Action on Carter Street Drainage Project Bid Packet  
Ezell should be working on it now.
- D. Discussion / Action on South Street Sidewalk Improvement  
Moved to Farnsworth Group.
- E. Discussion / Action on Lead Service Line Inventory Grant and Inventory Project  
Waiting on the application to be awarded. DPW Mark Blickensderfer can start getting quotes that will be needed to submit to the IEPA.
- F. Discussion / Action on MFT  
President Frazier signed the bid documents. Bid opening will be on July 28th at the Village Office.
- G. Discussion / Action on 209 & 211 South Street Exterior Inspections  
The Depot Bar has issues with the roof coming down on 209, so it needs to be fixed first and it is unrelated to the work that needs to be completed. Attorney Susan Nicholas will prepare a 2nd notice and send it to Clerk Kelley Morrison. President Frazier will send information to Attorney Susan Nicholas.
- H. Discussion / Action on 213 South Street Exterior Inspections

Gavin wants to be done by the end of August.

I. Discussion / Action on Illinois Funds

Accounts have been set up and the first transfers have been done. The General Account has \$800,000, Sewer Account has \$200,000 and the Business District Account has \$150,000. Email Attorney Susan Nicholas for the new wording on the Resolution. Also, add the Illinois Funds to the Financial Reports each month.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion / Action on Resignation of Cheryl Crawford from the Park Recreation Board

MOTION to approve the resignation of Cheryl Crawford from the Park Recreation Board was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: All Ayes.

B. Discussion / Action on Veteran's Park Plaques

The front wall is full of plaques. President Frazier suggested moving the plaques to the back. Is it possible to put a sidewalk around the walls? DPW Mark Blickensderfer or ADPW Jereme Endrizzi to get quote(s) for a new wall and for a new sidewalk around the walls. Move to Unfinished Business.

C. Discussion / Action on Village Boulevards

We have no Ordinance to force residents to mow the boulevards. We are a non-home municipality. Move to Unfinished Business.

D. Discussion / Action on USDA Compliance Review

The Transition Plan needs to be completed and sent to Julie Beer within 45 days. There are only 3 items that need to be completed in the public restroom.

E. Discussion / Action on FY2024 Audit

The Audit took place on July 7th and 8th all day. The auditors will gather all the information together and then send it to us for possibly our August meeting.

F. Discussion / Action on FY2025-2025 Appropriations Ordinance

MOTION to approve Ordinance 697-2025 was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: All Ayes.

G. Discussion / Action on Clerk & Treasurer IMRF/Benefits

The village pays \$1,500 for each full time employee towards insurance a month. If the Clerk and Treasurer were added it would be approximately a \$30,000 increase a year. More information will be gathered. Move to Unfinished Business.

H. Discussion / Action on Pond Maintenance

Trustee Monta Hyde had a quote from Shoreline Aquatics for \$21,230. RipRap from top to bottom 3 to 5 feet. He will check on what is currently there with the erosion and it is not visible all the way around. Two trees left and 1 got uprooted. Trustee Monta Hyde will check current conditions and provide details and benefits of the work. Move to Unfinished Business.

I. Discussion / Action on Park Maintenance

Trustee Nick Hyde got a quote from TruGreen with options to choose from on what we would like to have done at the parks. Go ahead with Flea and Tick treatment at all 3 parks. Do a trial on Born Park for weed control and fertilization. Move to Unfinished Business.

#### 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 - The yard and animals at Gagnon's are nasty.

Trustee Anderson - Is the pond catch and release? Put on next month's agenda.

Trustee Walsh - What are the strips across the roads throughout town?

Trustee Powers - No

Trustee Keirl - No

Trustee N. Hyde - No, the corner of this building is cracked.

DPW Blickensderfer - Truck can be sold to Griffin. Iron filters are going well. The well on the river has normal wear - the reserve pump is old and leaking. It would be approximately \$25,000. Do an RFP and have Andy Hanfland look at it.

President Frazier - No

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 7:36 pm was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee N. Hyde. Roll

Call: All Ayes.

*Kelley Morrison*

*Village of Cerro Gordo Clerk*