

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo
February 16, 2026**

The monthly meeting of the President and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on February 16, 2026 in the Village Hall. The following members were present: President Powers, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Keirl, Trustee N. Hyde, DPW Mark Blickensderfer, ADPW Jereme Endrizzi, Attorney Susan Nicholas, and Clerk Kelley Morrison.

Guests: Raeann Severe, James Cox, Velma Cox, Carolyn Brown, Timothy Klein, Joe Frydenger and Katie Helm

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Timothy Klein - Licensed Energy Broker who is interested in saving the village money.
2. James Cox - Wants to know what he needs to do to be in compliance with the village ordinance.
3. Velma Cox - Wants to know if her son will be able to continue his firewood business.

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 January 19, 2026
- B. Approve financial reports from:
Regular Board Meeting January 19, 2026
- C. Approve Claims
MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee N. Hyde, seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: 4 Ayes and 1 Absent.

II. WATER ADJUSTMENTS

- A. Water Adjustment - Haley Tripp (Old December '25 Bill \$254.79 - New Bill \$155.85 - Adjustment \$98.94.) (Old January '26 Bill \$165.24 - New Bill \$111.07 - Adjustment \$54.17.) Total Adjustment \$153.11
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$153.11 for Haley Tripp was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 4 Ayes and 1 Absent.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Action on Tank Painting (Water Tower) Controls Update
Kelley sent previous audits and paid bills to Roger Nuxoll at Farnsworth.
- B. Discussion / Action on South Street Sidewalk Improvement
No Update
- C. Discussion / Action on Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Agreement
Farnsworth sent an agreement to administer the LSLI grant. Attorney Susan Nicholas gave the okay to sign the agreement.
MOTION to approve \$3,000 to Farnsworth to administer the grant was made by Trustee N Hyde, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 4 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- D. Discussion / Action on MFT
DPW Mark Blickensderfer and ADPW Jereme Endrizzi will have a discussion with Andy Hanfland at Farnsworth.

- E. Discussion / Action on Pond Audit/Survey (Trustee N Hyde)
No Update
- F. Discussion / Action on Park Maintenance (Trustee N Hyde)
No Update

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Action on Contract Renewal - Piatt County Sheriff's Office
MOTION to approve the contract renewal agreement as presented was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 3 Ayes, 1 Nay by Trustee N Hyde and 1 Absent.
- B. Discussion / Action on Appointment of New Trustee for Vacancy
Board discussed the two that answered the questions on the Google form and decided to go with the 2nd one on the form which is Raeann Severe.
MOTION to appoint Raeann Severe as the New Trustee to fill the vacancy was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Anderson. Roll Call: 4 Ayes and 1 Absent.
Clerk Kelley Morrison swore in New Trustee Severe to the Board and she took her seat.
- C. Discussion / Action on Bids for Repair of Flooring & HVAC
There was only one bid submitted. ADPW Jereme Endrizzi will find some more companies that would be willing to submit a bid to brace the floor for now.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- SILCS 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
- SILCS 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.
- SILCS 120/2 (c) (11)**: Discussion of pending, probable Threatened or imminent litigation.
- SILCS 120/2 (c)/ (5)**: Discussion of the purchase or lease of real property.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT

- Finance
Clerk Kelley Morrison will send an email to the auditors about training with Kevin Buckley.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORT/ PRESIDENT REPORT

- Trustee M. Hyde - Absent
- Trustee Anderson - None - Will be absent for the March and April meetings.
- Trustee Walsh - Evan Smith with Willowbranch Kennel said that they are not accepting animals.
- Trustee Keirl - None
- Trustee N. Hyde - None
- ADPW Endrizzi - None
- DPW Blickensderfer - None - Disposal of a vehicle put on next month's agenda.
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm was made by Trustee N Hyde, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 1 Absent.

Kelley Morrison
Village of Cerro Gordo Clerk