

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

The monthly meeting of the President and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on March 16, 2026 in the Village Hall. The following members were present: President Powers, Trustee M. Hyde, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Severe, Trustee Keirl, Trustee N. Hyde, DPW Mark Blickensderfer, Attorney Susan Nicholas, Treasurer Samantha Schenkel, and Clerk Kelley Morrison.

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Guests: Theresa Cripe, Timothy Klein, Mark Vogelzang, Andy Hanfland, and Katie Helm

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Theresa Cripe - Thank you to the village for some of the properties getting cleaned up. Thank you to the road crew for working and clearing the roads this winter. Love to see a lumber yard site back in the village and would love to see more businesses.
2. Timothy Klein - Waiting on three more bids before he presents to the board and trustees. Wants to give the best rate.
3. Mark Vogelzang - Contract was approved by the Piatt County Board. Lane Coffey is wanting to stay here and would like to work on fluctuating his schedule so that he can attend the monthly board meetings.

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 February 16, 2026
- B. Approve financial reports from:
Regular Board Meeting February 16, 2026
- C. Approve Claims
MOTION to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee N. Hyde, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

II. WATER ADJUSTMENTS

- A. Water Adjustment - Tim St. Pierre - Old Bill \$1,559.05 - New Bill \$783.37 - Total Adjustment \$775.68
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$775.68 for Tim St. Pierre was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- B. Water Adjustment - Marianne Mourning - Old Bill \$2,624.43 - New Bill \$820.74 - Total Adjustment \$1,803.69
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$1,803.69 for Marianne Mourning was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- C. Water Adjustment - Nathan Walsh - Old Bill \$263.94 - New Bill \$103.74 - Total Adjustment \$160.20
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$160.20 for Nathan Walsh was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee N Hyde. Roll Call: 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Trustee Walsh) and 1 Absent.

- D. Water Adjustment - Patrick Berdan - Old Bill \$870.47 - New Bill \$244.03 - Total Adjustment \$626.44
TABLED - Leak is not fixed.
- E. Water Adjustment - Julie Malone - Old Bill \$326.00 - New Bill \$115.77 - Total Adjustment \$210.23
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$210.23 for Julie Malone was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- F. Water Adjustment - Ronald Price - Old Bill \$185.20 - New Bill \$64.56 - Total Adjustment \$120.64
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$120.64 for Ronald Price was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee N Hyde. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Action on Tank Painting (Water Tower) Controls Update
Andy Hanfland with Farnsworth said that the grant has been submitted for July. Once we get funding it will then go to bid for 45 days and then it would be a month and a half before starting. The tower will be done in 2027.
- B. Discussion / Action on South Street Sidewalk Improvement
Andy Hanfland stated that the Safe Walk to School Grant did not get submitted as it was too late. The safe walk to school is expensive to do, so it might be better to use MFT for the sidewalk improvements.
- C. Discussion / Action on Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Agreement
Andy Hanfland said that the 1st distribution has been requested and it usually takes 2-3 months to get the \$15,000. The 2nd \$15,000 will be reimbursed to us after submitting the receipts for expenditures.
- D. Discussion / Action on MFT
The Resolution is ready to sign for \$130,000 for 01/01/26 to 12/31/26 for Oil & Chip, Materials, PCC Pavement Patching, Sidewalk Removal/Replacement, Snow Removal and Engineering.
MOTION to approve the Resolution as presented by Andy Hanfland, Farnsworth was made by Trustee N Hyde, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- E. Discussion / Action on Pond Audit/Survey (Trustee N Hyde)
Trustee M Hyde will work on the audit and survey for next month's meeting. The survey has already been quoted and then after the survey will be restocking the fish. Timothy Klein said that the NFL Park District could restock the pond as long as we have a fishing derby.
- F. Discussion / Action on Park Maintenance (Trustee N Hyde)
Nothing from Trustee N Hyde. There needs to be new lights and poles at the ball park. President Powers will get a quote from Bodine on new lights and poles so we have an idea of what it will cost.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Action on Waste Management Agreement - Kyle Lester
Kyle Lester was unable to attend the meeting due to the weather near him which is two hours away. Trustees would like to get bids from other waste management companies and recommendations for changes that they would like to see on the new agreement.
- B. Discussion / Action on IL Rock Salt Joint Participation Agreement Contract
The 2026-2027 Rock Salt Contract Joint Participation Agreement is due by April 7, 2026.
MOTION to approve Clerk Morrison to participate in the joint agreement was made by Trustee N Hyde, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
MOTION to approve the Joint Purchasing of Rock Salt was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- C. Discussion / Action on Electric Aggregation - Timothy Klein
Timothy Klein is waiting on three more bids. He wants to give the village the best possible rate.
- D. Discussion / Action on Return-to-Work Program Policy Requirement

Per the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association we need to adopt a return-to-work policy. Attorney Nicholas has written and submitted one for us. MOTION to approve the Return-to-Work Policy as submitted by Attorney Nicholas was made by Trustee N Hyde, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl to enter into Executive Session to discuss **5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)**: Discussion of pending, probable Threatened or imminent litigation. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

Executive Session entered at 6:46 pm
Executive Session exited at 7:07 pm
Regular Session resumed at 7:07 pm

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT

- Ordinance
Nothing at this time.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORT/ PRESIDENT REPORT

- Trustee M. Hyde - None
- Trustee Anderson - Absent
- Trustee Walsh - None
- Trustee Severe - None
- Trustee Keirl - None
- Trustee N. Hyde - None
- DPW Blickensderfer - Absent.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm was made by Trustee N Hyde, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

Kelley Morrison
Village of Cerro Gordo Clerk