

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting for the Village of Cerro Gordo
April 20, 2026**

The monthly meeting of the President and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on April 20, 2026 in the Village Hall. The following members were present: Trustee M. Hyde, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Severe, Trustee Keirl, Trustee N. Hyde, DPW Mark Blickensderfer, Attorney Susan Nicholas, and Treasurer Samantha Schenkel.

Absent: President Powers, Clerk Kelley Morrison, and Trustee Anderson

Guests: Butch Hilderbrand, Ethan Leynes, and Timothy Klein

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by DPW Blickensderfer at 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

MOTION to approve Trustee N. Hyde as President Pro Tem was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain and 1 Absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Butch Hilderbrand - CG Fire Department Siren is broke - Need proof of insurance. Going to meet with Kirby about a Chase Car and EMT for Cerro Gordo.
2. Ethan Leynes - From Kirby Ambulance the cost would be \$5 per capita (per household).
3. Timothy Klein -

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

II. WATER ADJUSTMENTS

- A. Water Adjustment - Phoenix Garlits - Old Bill \$424.10 - New Bill \$152.21 - Total Adjustment \$271.89
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$271.89 for Phoenix Garlits was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- B. Water Adjustment - Trever Morr - Old Bill \$183.75 - New Bill \$72.74 - Total Adjustment \$111.01
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$111.01 for Trever Morr was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- C. Water Adjustment - Patricia Berdan - Old Bill \$870.47 - New Bill \$244.03 - Total Adjustment \$626.44
MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$626.44 for Patricia Berdan was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- D. Water Adjustment - Derrick Herschberger - Old Bill \$893.70 - New Bill \$341.72 - Total Adjustment \$551.98

MOTION to approve the water adjustment of \$551.98 for Derrick Herschberger was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Action on Tank Painting (Water Tower) Controls Update
Mark met with Andy Hanfland and talked about the controls specifically. It is progressing and with more money from Congressman Budzinski's office it should be helpful.
- B. Discussion / Action on South Street Sidewalk Improvement
Nothing
- C. Discussion / Action on Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Agreement
Kelley submitted the Lead Service Line Inventory. We have received the 1st \$15,000. Will replace some lines and submit the receipts. The goal this year per Mark is 3 to 5 updated lines. There are approximately 12 to 15 lines needing to be updated.
- D. Discussion / Action on MFT
The paperwork is signed and submitted. Next should be getting ready to open up for bids. Work will be done on Washington and West Carter to start with and concrete patching will start around September.
- E. Discussion / Action on Pond Audit/Survey (Trustee N Hyde)
Trustee M Hyde has been emailing with the company about electro-shock and will get the price quote. He has prices for pond stocking from Hermann Brothers.
- F. Discussion / Action on Park Maintenance (Trustee N Hyde)
Nothing

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Action on Waste Management Agreement - Kyle Lester
Kyle introduced himself as being with the company for 10 months. Asking for feedback on services and the contract expires in November. He will communicate with Mark on the roads and with Kelley for the contract.
- B. Discussion / Action on Donation for Senior Citizens - Katie Helm
Asking for a donation to the senior citizens to help with fees for bus trips.
MOTION to approve \$1,500 to the Senior Citizens to help with fees for bus trips was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- C. Discussion / Action on Kirby Medical Center Lease Agreement
Tabled until the May board meeting.
- D. Discussion / Action on Solitude Lake Management Services Agreement
Attorney Nicholas stated the the timeline needs to be updated to 45 days not 30 days and that #6 needs to be changed.
Tabled until the May board meeting.
- E. Discussion / Action on Congressman Budzinski's FY27 Community Project Funding
The Village was selected to receive \$2.4 million for the replacement of water main and treatment plant infrastructure upgrades from Congressman Budzinski's FY27 Community Project Funding. We will be notified later in the summer as to the exact amount after it is on the congressional budget for funding.
- F. Discussion / Action on Approval of TIF Funds for 215 E South St - Joe Frydenger
Joe Frydenger will need to come in to get the paperwork to fill out for TIF Funds.

MOTION was made by Trustee N Hyde, seconded by Trustee Keirl to move into liquor commission at 6:49 pm. Roll Call: All Ayes.

- G. Discussion / Action on Special Liquor License for the Piatt County Fair Reverse Raffle
MOTION to approve the Special Event Liquor License for the Piatt County Fair Reverse Raffle was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Severe. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.
- H. Discussion / Action on Liquor License for American Legion Post #117

MOTION to approve the Liquor License for American Legion Post #117 was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

MOTION was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh to move out of liquor commission at 6:50 pm. Roll Call: All Ayes.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Trustee N. Hyde, seconded by Trustee Keirl to enter Executive Session to discuss 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 at 6:55 pm. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

MOTION was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh to move out of Executive Session at 7:36 pm. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

I. Discussion / Action on Performance Raise for Employees

Trustee Keirl suggested 3.5% across the board and \$1.00 more for Curt Vulgamott and \$1.00 more for the high school summer help.

MOTION to approve 3.5% across the board for Mark Blickensderfer, Jereme Endrizzi, Samantha Schenkel, and Kelley Morrison and \$1.00 more an hour for Curt Vulgamott and High School Student Summer Help was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Keirl. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORT

- Water & Sewer
Nothing at this time.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORT/ PRESIDENT REPORT

- Trustee M. Hyde - Buses cutting corner to close on Route 105 and Durfee Street.
- Trustee Anderson - Absent
- Trustee Walsh - None
- Trustee Severe - None
- Trustee Keirl - Drain at Les Cater's on Monroe Street.
- Trustee N. Hyde - None
- ADPW Endrizzi - Absent
- DPW Blickensderfer - None
- President Powers - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm was made by Trustee Keirl, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Roll Call: 5 Ayes and 1 Absent.

Kelley Morrison

Village of Cerro Gordo Clerk