

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

OCTOBER 16, 2006

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. on Oct. 16, 2006 at the Municipal Building. The following members present were: President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Rod Forbes, and Don Ritchie. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, Treasurer Cris Perry, Clerk Linda Ash, and P.C. Pat Carter. Trustees Jerry Morris and Mike Songer were absent.

The meeting was called to order with minutes being read and approved.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business, the Board heard some comments from Brett Robinson, Superintendent of schools. He states the school is willing to work closely with the Village board for school needs and community needs in regards to the TIF. Mr. Schuering would like to meet with several individuals on a one-on-one basis or as a group, whichever will work best for the individuals. Colette will have Mr. Schuering proceed with the annexation of property south of town.

Dave Happ presented pay estimate number 3 for Burdick in regards to the drainage project. All work is now completed. This includes the grading, seeding and patching of all roads and driveways. He recommends that the Village withhold 5% of final pay while quantities and material certifications are reviewed by IDOT. We will hold approximately \$7600. Motion to approve payment of \$23,490.04 and hold 5% made by Trustee Ritchie, second Forbes. Roll call: Trustees Williams, Shoraga, Forbes, and Ritchie, all yeas.

CLAIMS REPORT

There are three bills that need to be added to the claims report. They are AmerenIP, LaPlace Hardware, and Verizon. The breakdown for those is:

- 1.AmerenIP adm-\$493.83
- 2.AmerenIP PW-\$186.47
- 3.AmerenIP PW-street lights-\$664.70
- 4.AmerenIP water-\$1694.12
- 5.AmerenIP sewer-\$670.57
- 6.LaPlace Hardware-main ser-bldg-\$326.06
7. Verizon-adm. & ps-\$46.12

The Verizon wireless bill for the police phones has not arrived yet but is expected in the next day or so. The Village clerk asked permission to pay it when it arrives. Motion to approve claims and pay the Verizon bill made by Trustee Forbes, second Williams.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Rob is ill and not able to attend this evening. Wells 6 & 7 have been sealed and abandoned. The sidewalks are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Pat has received the digital camera. It is a Cannon EOS and works really well. The department has started with ordinance violations. So far they have 100 violations. Pat has talked to the owners of property on North Street that has furniture left outside.

He has talked to Bodine and Flaughner about the siren site. He has received a bid from Bodine but nothing from Flaughner. Ameren IP suggests a pole on North end of property and then there would be no need to trench for the

wiring for the siren. The department will also check with Chuck Morris to see if the siren is operable. No contact on grant for phone as yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Alley-getting legal descriptions together.

Vulgamott Building-talked to Galen. He would like to buy the parcel that the building sets on, tear it down and rebuild.

Crossing-still getting the run around on a crossing. The Village also reported that 3 out of the 4 crossings need work.

Edwards-narrowed down parcel. Title search shows bankruptcy. The report is 700 pages long and will cost \$350 to get. It would be worth the money as we need to know what the bankruptcy trustees did.

Mediacom-rental agreement. There doesn't seem to be a problem with our request in the rental agreement. The access program is not working. We are on the dial up system and the phone doesn't seem to connect. The mayor will contact Mediacom to see what broadband would cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Burdick's final pay was discussed earlier. The bill for IMRLMA is due by Nov. 17. Motion by Trustee Williams, second Forbes, to pay this bill before Nov. 17, in full. All yeas.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Lyle- asking about liens on property. One parcel in town the lien has been missed. The Village can send a letter to the current owner about the lien. The title company would have to make good on the claim.

Don-asking about the community calendar.

TREASURER'S REPORT

One adjustment for the month. The leak has been fixed but the form has not been signed yet. Motion to approve adjustment when the signed form is in the office made by Trustee Ritchie, second Forbes, all yeas.

There are some CD's that are due. These will be turned over into new CD's. Cris will check the rates.

OTHER BUSINESS

The mayor has a letter from the railroad to promote safety in the form of a train ride from Decatur to Lafayette, In. This is open to anyone who would like to make the trip.

The dates for the Haunted House at the fair grounds are Oct. 20, 21, 27, 28, and 31 from 7-11P.M.

Official trick or treat night is Oct 31 from 5-7 P.M. Spooks and characters are asked to frequent house that have their porch lights on. The American Legion and Auxiliary will host a "Make Halloween a Safe Night" at the Post home from 7-8 P.M.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 made by Trustee Forbes, second Shoraga, all yeas.

Village Clerk 10/16/06