

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo

APRIL 16, 2007

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cerro Gordo met at 7:00P.M. on April 16, 2007 in the Municipal Building located at 231 East South Street. Those in attendance were: President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Rod Forbes, Don Ritchie, and Mike Songer. Trustee Jerry Morris was absent. Also in attendance were: Atty. Colette McCarty, Assist. Director of Public Works Mark Blickensderfer, Police Chief Pat Carter, Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order. Minutes were read and approved on a motion by Trustee Shoraga, second Songer, all yeas.

TIF DISTRICT

Atty. Dan Schuering was present at this meeting and gave an update on the TIF district. He presented Ordinance number 512 for adoption. This is an ordinance authorizing the Village for the establishment of tax increment financing "interested parties registries" and adopting registration for such registries. Next month he hopes to publish and approve a development plan. A motion to adopt Ordinance # 512 was made by Trustee Ritchie, second Songer, all yeas.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident expressed his opinions concerning a conflict of interest concerning Trustee Ritchie and the Fair Board, of which he is President.

Resident Ted Shambaugh expressed his distress with the lack of communication with the TIF districting. He is also looking for answers concerning sewer levels. He is ready to go with his plans.

Terry Jones from Kirby Ambulance Service was available just to let everyone know they are available if needed.

Chad Bennet is leasing the track from the Fair Board this year for go-cart races. It is mandatory that all go-carts have mufflers and they hope to done and out of the fair grounds by 10:00 P.M.

CLAIMS REPORT

The AmerenIP bill has not arrived yet but will be here in the next day or two. Clerk Ash request permission to pay when it arrives. Motion to pay bill and approve claims report made by Trustee Williams, second by Trustee Shoraga, all yeas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No investments due until June. Five request for water adjustments. Motion to approve all adjustments with signed forms made by Trustee Ritchie, second Songer. All yeas with the exception of an adjustment on Martin's trailer, Forbes abstain.

Treasurer Perry will meet with water committee to review the shut off list. Phil Flaughter reports he doesn't want any one in his basement of the property he owns, however, a leak could cause problems. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Trustee Williams, second Shoraga, all yeas.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Rob is on vacation so Mark is filling in. He presented bids on a new lawn mower; low bid was from Heaths in Monticello for \$6439.95. The Board will put off purchase until the budget is finalized. Also the pick up that Mark drives

needs to be replaced. Rob has a copy of the state bid for a truck. Again, this will wait on budget finalization. The Board will consider a special meeting to finalize the budget, salaries, and TIF information.

The department is still picking up storm debris. Public works crew doing a great job of cleanup, as told to numerous Trustees. The Village has applied for FEMA funds-may get a couple of thousand. No word on the truck bed yet.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

In last year's budget, Pat budgeted for tasers. The cost is projected at \$6700 for 5 tasers. A policy will be in place for officers to follow. He also received a check from a former resident for a donation to be applied to the purchase price of the tasers. This is in memory of her parents. Training will be provided by the Piatt County Sheriff's Department and or the Monticello Police Department. We will need to call the insurance company to see if there are any insurance issues to be resolved.

Restitution has been received from the individual responsible for damage to Gordy Park.

In regards to the rifles, Pat suggests we either sell the four we have (to the officers) or buy another one.

OLD BUSINESS

Mediacom-no one to return calls.

MFT-Engineer David Happ and Rob will meet again to decide what roads will need to oiled and chipped this year.

Health Insurance-rates up again this year. Brad looking into other options

Attorney's Fees-Raise fees from \$100 per hour to \$125 per hour. The retainer fee will stay the same. Motion to approve made by Trustee Songer, second Ritchie, all yeas.

The ESDA siren is up and blowing

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Trustee Songer, second Ritchie to adjourn to Liquor Commission. Application and fees brought forth for two Special use Permits for the Fair Board for the following dates:

- June 19, 20, 21-noon to midnight
- June 22, 23-noon to 1:00A.M.
- June 24-noon to 10:00P.M.

Two applications were presented. Everything is in order. Motion to approve applications made by Trustee Williams, second Songer. Roll call; Trustee Williams, yea, Shoraga, yea, Forbes, yea, Morris, yea, Ritchie, abstain, Songer, yea. Motion to return to regular session made by Trustee Forbes, Songer, all yeas.

A motion was made by Trustee Songer, second Ritchie to adjourn to closed session at 8:25 P.M.for 102/2C-11 for litigation and 102/2C -1 salaries.

Regular session resumes at 9:00 P.M.

Dave Happ will get the elevation for sewer on south end of town affected by TIF district. Set a special meeting for May 7 at 7:00 P.M. A plat survey of the fairgrounds was made in 1968. Try to resolve the traffic problems with no parking signs just during the fair. The street committee will meet with the Fair Board to try to resolve this issue. Motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. made by Trustee Shoraga, second Songer.

Village Clerk 4/16/07