

## **Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo**

**Feb. 16, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm on Monday Feb. 16, 2009.

Those present were President Jim Morgan, Trustees Brad Williams, Lyle Shoraga, Ron Price, and Mike Songer. Those absent were Trustees Terry Lovekamp and Carol Huff. Also present were Atty. Colette McCarty, D.P.W. Rob Bratton, P.C. Pat Carter. Treasurer Cris Perry, and Clerk Linda Ash.

Minutes were read and approved by the Board.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Fire Chief Randy West asked that someone notify the County any time the water needs to be shut off in the Village. The fire department will then have other fire districts to call on in case there is a need.

Resident C. Eads had a question about the water being run out of town. He feels the Village needs to know what their planned use is.

Tom Overmyer from Foth presented the final MFT report for 2008. The Village had over \$54,000 at their disposal for use and spent over \$42,000. The remainder will be credited in future allotments from the state.

He also talked about the drainage study. He would like to talk to the Board about alternatives such as a smaller sewer system that would cost less. They can look at a value approach as to what the town needs. After a large rain the plan could look at hours to drain instead of days to drain.

The library engineer was also at the meeting. They have a change in plans for the library. This plan is more affordable. The plan is to drop a line to Wait Street, put in a basin and trench to collect water. This will run from the alley to Madison and then runs south to Wait Street. Can be tied to the sewer at a later date. This is the best plan for what the library can afford at this time.

### **CLAIMS REPORT**

Unicare was added and Ameren IP bill will need to be added to claims when it comes in. Motion to approve claims and additions made by Trustee Shoraga, second Songer. Roll call: Trustees Williams, Shoraga, Price, and Songer, all yeas.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cd's were renewed. No adjustments for this month. Cris cannot reconcile the TIF bank account as it is not set up like the other accounts. The Village is officially set up on the Illinois E-Pay account. Residents can log onto Illinois E-Pay.com, search for Cerro Gordo, or more easily, go to fathill.com and click on the e-pay icon. There is a fee associated with this type of payment but this does not go to the Village.

Water meters were estimated in January but are being read this month. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Trustee Williams, second Price, all yeas.

### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

All leaks have been taken care of. The below-pavement indicator that was used didn't work-had to chase that leak until it was found. Also found 4 service lines that went nowhere. While fixing this leak(at N. Madison and Carter) Rob was able to get some measurements and found where the main goes. He can fix the map that shows where the main

is. The leak at East Carter had a saddle rusted off. There are still 7 more under the highway. The village will repair the highway this spring.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Calls are up for the month. Officers are issuing verbal warnings for stop sign violations for now.

Cisco hours are cut back due to weather. Profit for this month is \$274.19. Pat has an estimate for the windshield repair-\$228.01. The Crown Vic had a collision with a deer and the police department is currently waiting on an adjustor.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Finally received a check from the railroad in the amount of \$3900 for half the cost of tearing down the old Vulgamott building.

Colette has an agreement with Dennis in regards to the TIF. He has not paid any tapping fees and has not been billed. There may be a possibility of waiving this fee. The fee for sewer is time and material, \$500 for a water tap. The work has been done at Dennis' building.

Edwards Property-That property is listed in a chapter 12 bankruptcy which allows for some options. We need to know the status that it is in now.

Zoning hearing has been set for Ma. 11, 2009 at the Village hall. The purpose of this meeting is about a potential special use at the fairgrounds.

Surveys have been mailed and so far have only received 3.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The camera for the police vestibule will be budgeted in for next fiscal year.

Water committee will meet next week with individuals interested in running water out of town.

Motion by Trustee Songer, second Williams to adjourn regular session and move to closed session for the purpose of 120-2/c5, purchase of property. So moved at 7:55 pm

Regular session resumes at 8:05 on motion by Trustee Shoraga, second Songer.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Songer has been approached by Jim Burns about Scout Hall. Currently the Legion pays the gas bill for Scout Hall and the Village pays the electric. If it is a burden for the Legion to continue to do so, they can turn it back to the Village.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm made by Trustee Shoraga, second Price.

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Village Clerk 2/16/09