

Minutes for the Village of Cerro Gordo  
March 17, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm on March 17 in the Village Hall located at 231 East South Street. Those present are: Mayor Brad Williams, Trustees Tim Allen, Terry Marvin, Jeff Powers, Dick Seitz, Mike Gross, and Mike Martin. Also present are Atty. Susan Nicholas, P.C. Pat Carter, D.P.W Mark Blickensderfer, Treasurer Stacy Henderson, and Clerk Linda Ash.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

### **Public Forum**

Joe Frydenger was present and told of some plans he would like to have for a building in the downtown area. He is trying to buy a building that is slowly falling down and would like to save it and put a business in it.

Rick Chenoweth reported a problem with snow plow drivers. Last snow we had there was snow thrown up on his vehicles and also included in that were rocks and other road debris. He had asked the driver previously to slow down. Damage to the vehicles was close to \$2000.

Judy Tuvell was asking about last months water bills. She was without water for a few days and thought the bill should reflect that. Normally it would but the bills were estimated last month. Also alley work that was scheduled last year was not down. Problem with the contractor. The Village wants to put a tile down the alley and then resurface it.

Jeff Lawyer was asking about the fireworks display for the Village, if we are still planning on going ahead with that. We can get a nice show for \$5000 which is what the Board agreed on. Brad will talk to the fair board and get back with Jeff next week.

### **Consent Agenda**

Three additions to claims, Illinois Issues for 39.95, Ameren Power \$2935.14, and Advanced Computer Services for \$237. Motion to approve Consent agenda made by trustee gross, second martin, roll call: Allen, Marvin, Powers, Seitz, gross, and Martin all yeas.

### **Water Adjustments**

M. Sawyer, H. Sulwer both had outside leaks. They have signed the adjustment form and leaks have been fixed. Motion to approve adjustments made by Trustee Seitz, second Allen, all yeas.

### **Unfinished Business**

A. TNT Nothing from them, remove from agenda

B. Stocking Pond. Trustee Martin passed out copies of fish to order from Piatt County SWCD. They will bring fish to pond. Also in the fall, DNR will be bringing fish in for the pond at no charge to the Village. The cost for fish from Piatt SWCD will be \$632.50. Motion to approve fish purchase made by Trustee Martin, second Allen, all yea.

C. Civic Center Operation. Nothing new to report other than installation of security system in April.

A pre-construction meeting with Veterans Park will have results by the next meeting. Also Tom Overmyer will do some engineering work of the water system-this will help the Village get ready for grant work. Phase I is a priority-these are the lines with the most breaks.

### **New Business**

There was no new business on the agenda to discuss.

The mayor brought up the possibility of water loss compensation for some customers due to the main break in February. It should be noted that the Village is not legally liable in this situation. One business was without service for 3-4 days and a couple homeowners were without water for 10 days. Cannot do this with every main break. There were a lot of man hours put into this project to get it fixed as soon as possible. No idea as to how to come up with a formula.

### **Trustees Report**

Martin-asked about purchasing trees for pond area. Also resident Ralph Smith has a hole in the street by his house from main repairs. Potholes will be fixed as weather permits.

Gross-As a member of the finance committee, he reported that he and Tim Allen reconciled the accounts receivables up to March 1, 2014.

Powers-trees need trimming on Carter Street-farmers will be moving equipment through town before long. Trimmers were in town last month and did some trimming. Also expressed concern about the snow plow incident.

Marvin-asked about drainage by Forest Preserve Park. One project that the Village is already working on.

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Williams commented on the remarks made from Randy West in the February meeting. The media was notified of the main break and boil order and the EPA and health departments also. Water shortage was not classified as a disaster. The public works department did a great job getting the leak located and fixed.

No further business came before the board and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 on a motion by Trustee Gross, second Seitz, all yeas.

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Village Clerk 3/17/14