GARDNER VILLAGE BOARD
April 13, 2015

Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Mike Serena called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call - Commissioners Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, James Riley, and Mayor Serena. Comm. Rob Wolf was absent. Also present was Atty. Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of March 23, 2015, were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The financial report for March 2015 was presented. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the financial report, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills for April 13, 2015, were presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Resident Linda Tyler requested to see a copy of the bills that were paid by the Village. Resident Don Phillips congratulated the Board on the election.

Resident Dan Alexander gave an update on the plans for the car show to be held on Saturday, May 2. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will have a DJ in the gazebo. Entrance fees will be donated to Parker Farrero and food drive items will be donated to the food pantry. He requested some left over election signs that he can make over for the show.

Grundy County Sheriff's representative Sgt. Slattery gave his report.

Agenda –

Mayor Serena addressed the Board regarding DAD's Day, scheduled for June 20. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the solicitation of funds on that day, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Gardner Lions requested use of the diner car on Red Carpet weekend to serve root beer floats. Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Engineer Christensen gave a report regarding the Main St & South Jackson St Storm Sewer Improvement Bid. Christensen provided bid results from low to high, with S. A. Issert receiving the bid at $726,709.20. Proposed adjustments to the project, eliminating storm sewer crossings (which can be delayed until the county does Main Street in 2016 or 2017), lowered the cost to $587,759. Comm. Hileman made motion to proceed with the project, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Paper will run a special insert regarding Red Carpet. Comm. Hileman made motion to repeat the ad from last year, with a change to "Mayor Mike Serena and Commissioners," at a cost of $38, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - None

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Requested a closed session at the end of the Board Meeting regarding pending litigation.

Comm. Hileman – Made motion to propose a salary increase for Sheryl McDaniels to $4,000/year, the same as Commissioners. She currently earns $3,760/year and has not had an increase in six years. Motion was withdrawn and tabled in order for Attorney Belt to research ordinances to verify this is allowed. All signified by saying aye.

Comm. Hileman identified several properties that need to be cleaned up, as well as cars that have not been moved in some time. He has requested Attorney Belt to write letters and follow through on this issue.

Comm. Jensen – Recommended installation of LED stop signs for east/west traffic on Main Street at Jackson, at a cost of approximately $2,500. It was suggested to ask Grundy County to increase their patrol of the four-way stop intersections before we fund this project

Comm. Riley – Proposed a system for residents to use debit/credit cards to pay water bills or pay on line. Will need to research further on this subject before proceeding. Suggested putting a question on water bill to get residents' opinions and interest.

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Engineer Christensen – Nothing further

Clerk Malinowski – Thank-you cards received from Gardner Seniors, Church of Hope and Gardner Lions in appreciation of donations. The Gardner Lions made a $250 donation to the Lions of Illinois Diabetes Awareness Campaign in memory of Tom Wise.

Mayor Serena – Presented information regarding raffle licenses and will need to research further. Thanked Brad and Drew for removing the tree that fell down on Friday, blocking North Street. There is a blood drive at GSW on Wednesday. Mayor Serena would also like to implement a procedure for public comments to be made at board meetings.

The board entered into closed session at 7:55 p.m. and returned to the meeting room at 8:33 p.m.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner