VILLAGE BOARD
July 27, 2015

Monday, July 27, 2015, at 7:01 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Dick Hileman called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call – Commissioners Rob Wolf, James Riley, Terry Jensen, and Mayor Pro-tem Dick Hileman. Mayor Serena was not present. Also present were Atty. Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christiansen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of July 13 were presented. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Pro-Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills were presented. Comm. Wolf moved to approve the payment of the bills, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Pro-Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Resident Don Phillips raised objection to the proposed revision to the burning ordinance.

Agenda –

Resident Mr. Chris Irvin and his wife have contacted Comm. Riley on several occasions regarding high grass at his next-door neighbor's property and they feel that the ordinance is not being enforced impartially. Comm. Hileman explained the ordinance and stated that, in the past two months, the Village has sent out over 40 letters. Resident Ray Serena responded that he felt he was being harassed.

Resident Mr. Craig Parks questioned the letter he received about an abandoned/inoperable vehicle. Comm. Hileman explained that the vehicle must have a tag and title, and it must be moved every once in awhile, and related several occasions when he talked to Mr. Parks about the hearse and complaints that were received.

Unfinished Business – Comm. Jensen requested a status on the tree stumps downtown; Riley responded that they were expected to be removed by August 3.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – Nothing to report

Comm. Jensen – Would like to amend the current burning ordinance to add "paper" to acceptable items. Comm. Hileman motioned to table this item until Mayor Serena is present, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Mayor Pro-Tem Hileman. Nays: Jensen. Motion carried.

Reported on a situation behind 304 N. Pine, where the tenant has installed a post in the alley at the "T" intersection and it impedes access. Also, at the southern end of the alley toward East Mazon Street, there is a huge pile of trees that need to be removed.

Comm. Riley – Atty. Belt reported that he has not yet received a title report, but in the meantime he has prepared a draft purchase contract for review. The issue was tabled until Mayor Serena is present.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – The storm sewer project is on hold. The contractor has been contacted to provide access at the high school when school starts. DOT has made full review for the permit and it is expected to be approved soon so that the project can cross the highway.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman added that Riley is trying to do a good job to clean up the town and mentioned several properties that are being pursued.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Riley, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Pro-Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner