VILLAGE BOARD
August 10, 2015

Monday, August 10, 2015, at 7:01 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 Rob Wolf, James Riley, Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Atty. Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christiansen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of July 27 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf. Pass: Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments – Resident Ida Schopp addressed the board regarding the public comments sign-in sheet and freedom of speech. She also made mention that August 21 is National Senior Citizens Day as proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

Resident Don Phillips raised objection to the proposed revision to the burning ordinance due to availability of recycling. He then spoke regarding Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedure to appropriately conduct meetings, as far as speakers on the agenda and those who have signed the public comments sign-in sheet.

Sgt. Black presented the Grundy County Sheriff's report and reminded residents to remove keys and lock vehicles, homes and buildings.

Agenda –

Mr. William Pohl addressed the board regarding the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to be held September 18, 19 and 20, 2015, and asked for volunteers to help. Comm. Hileman moved to support the K of C Tootsie Roll Drive, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Was contacted by a company called "Mobility" that is requesting permission to attached equipment to existing utility poles in the public right of way. Mayor Serena mentioned that he had been also been contacted by them, but they are not a franchise yet. Comm. Hileman stated that Belt should not be talking to them unless directed to do so by the Mayor.

Updating the Nielsen issue, Belt reported that the title company has reported that Nielsen Grainco is not the owner, they hold a lease hold interest only; there is a Delaware company called SPCSL Corp. that has ownership interest. Belt has prepared a draft contract, but it does not have a specific description of the property. He will work with Village Engineer Guy Christensen to properly identify the parcel.

Comm. Hileman – Directed a question to Belt regarding the warrant procedure for a "seize order" under the nuisance ordinance. He suggested that the owners of the two properties in question be issued a citation for a nuisance to be served by the Sheriff's Department and wait for a court ruling.

Comm. Jensen – Comm. Hileman made motion to revise Ordinance 001-2012, by removing section A and substitute Mayor Serena's suggestion to state what cannot be burned, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Jensen stated that if he receives one complaint about burning, he puts the fire out. He added that we cannot force residents to recycle.

Comm. Riley – The Nielsen property had already been discussed so there was no need to do so again, however, Comm. Riley made motion to he would like to revise the contract to keep the elevator office building and have the scale filled in, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Riley also reported that the tree stumps have been removed from downtown.

Comm. Wolf – There was a water leak at Parker & Jackson and Drew was able to get it fixed.

Engineer Christensen – Issert is almost finished in Morris and should be back to work on the storm sewer project soon.

Clerk Malinowski – A thank-you letter was received from the Community Foundation of Grundy County for our donation to the Coal City Tornado Fund.

Mayor Serena – Appointed Erik Smith, Mike Bexson and John Hernandez to the Planning and Zoning Board. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the nominations, second by Hileman. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner