VILLAGE BOARD
August 24, 2015

Monday, August 24, 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, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioner Dick Hileman was absent. Also present were Atty. Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christiansen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of August 10 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Financial Reports were tabled until the next board meeting because Commissioner Hileman was absent.

Public Comments – Resident Ida Schopp addressed the board regarding her attendance at the events committee meeting. She was impressed at their organization and urged the board to work with the group.

Agenda –

Scapegoats Car Club has requested permission to use the downtown parking lot on Friday, September 4, for a cruise-in event. Comm. Jensen made motion to allow use of the lot for this event, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Two complaints have been filed in circuit court on August 12 for properties in need of attention, both were served and first appearances are scheduled for September 18. A dismissal order has been received for Fergusson, therefore that file is closed.

The Nielsen contract has been received and Mr. Nielsen has an attorney. Belt will provide updates as they occur.

The owner of Bookwalter Woods has asked for the opportunity to discuss with the Village the possibility of providing utility services. Any engineering or legal expenses associated with doing that would have to be paid by Bookwalter. He presented an agreement that is part of the municipal code, and it requires a deposit to be placed on account with the Village in the amount of $3,000, to be held in escrow. That is the amount to be held here at the Village and any bills received from either Chamlin's or Belt's office, or any other professional that might be called in to offer assistance would be billed against that sum. If that sum is exceeded it still remains their responsibility to pay whatever the expenses are. A contact person needs to be named. Several other issues need to be discussed and resolved before proceeding, both engineering and legal, such as easement acquisitions, jurisdictions, sewage plant capacity, etc.

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Jensen – Comm. Riley has given him pictures of the sidewalk at the Kratochvil residence on North Center which is in poor condition and used by school children. It will be added to the list of possible replacements.

Comm. Jensen has been contacted by Joe Schroeder of Grundy County EMA regarding ownership of the siren on the property at the diner car. Exelon had conveyed ownership to the village and needs the information to update their records.

Comm. Riley – The flags downtown are in poor condition and will be changed within the next week or two.

Comm. Wolf – Referring to the Bookwalter/water issue, wished to clarify that it would be contingent on Bookwalter Woods being responsible for the expenses and professional fees.

Engineer Christensen – Nothing to report. Mayor Serena asked that he begin looking into the Bookwalter/water situation and capacity. The Mayor asked Brad if there have been any issues with the treatment plant lately.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Nothing to report

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner