VILLAGE BOARD
September 28, 2015

Monday, September 28, 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, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Atty. Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The current bills were presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills, plus the addition of $4,835.67 for the attorney bill, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Bruce Brorsen addressed the board regarding his nuisance ordinance violation, and has observed several buildings with crumbling and dropping bricks, and there are no barriers put up.

Resident Ida Schopp mentioned that she was interviewed by Myke Feinman of *The Paper* regarding the Archives, and there will be an article in the paper soon.

Resident Sharon Pickles asked when the storm sewer project will resume and be finished, and also when the dip in the road will be repaired. Mayor Serena explained that the storm sewer was delayed due to a hold up from IDOT and the contractor that did the cut in the road has been notified.

Resident Jennifer Smykowski addressed the board regarding a trailer at O'Hare Towing with food in it which was attracting flies. Also there is a house that has an orange sticker on it and someone is living there. She has been informed that the person living there has been convicted of a felony and may also be required to register as a sex offender. The Mayor responded that we would look into it.

Resident Craig Parks also objected to the trailer at O'Hare Towing. Additionally, someone ran over the water main at the flea market and he no longer has water pressure. He has been informed that it was scheduled to be dug up soon.

Resident Ray Serena will reserve his comments until later.

Agenda –

Halloween Trick or Treat hours were set at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

Unfinished Business –

Resident Don Phillips addressed the board regarding the request from Bookwalter Woods to conduct a study related to the extension of utilities. His point of view is that, at some point, the Village will need to build a new sewer plant and if an outside entity wishes to pay for it, the Village should explore that opportunity. We should not say no to them without having the conversation. At some point the Village will expand beyond I-55 and we would have to extend water.

Hileman responded that the motion that was made was that they should do their own study, and pay the bills. They can contact the engineers and attorneys, but pay for it themselves. Once they come back to us we can look at their plans.

Reports –

Atty. Belt –

Mr. Norton has failed to pay his fines so he is up on a contempt citation on October 16. Mr. Brorsen's case is set for trial on November 2 at 9:30. Ms. McConahay entered a plea of guilty and she has been given until October 9 to clean up the nuisance located at her residence.

A recent Supreme Court decision related to the application of the zoning code on building projects that involve school facilities, determined that the city zoning code does in fact apply to the schools and they are required to follow the local zoning rules. Hileman suggested that a letter be sent to the schools as a reminder.

Belt has suggested minor modifications to the Gardner Employment Policy and will submit a draft of the revisions.

Comm. Hileman –

We received a notice from the State of Illinois listing businesses in town. We found one that was not listed and we will contact the State to come in to do an audit regarding the payment of sales taxes by this business.

Comm. Jensen –

The dip in the road at Main Street and Pine still has not been repaired. It will be filled with cold patch in the next couple of days.

Comm. Riley –

We still have not heard anything from Gibs Nielsen. Several more letters have been sent out to residents.

Comm. Wolf –

The owner of the building with the falling bricks has been notified. The Village cannot put barricades on private property.

Engineer Christensen –

A packet has been sent to the State of Illinois regarding the IDOT permit. We have submitted the study they requested.

Clerk Malinowski –

Nothing to report

Mayor Serena –

Nothing to report.

At 7:40 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation, authorized pursuant to Section (2)(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:13 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. . 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. Jensen, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner