VILLAGE BOARD
October 26, 2015

Monday, October 26, 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, James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Dick Hileman. Also present were Atty. Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of September 14 and September 28 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The financial report was presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the financial report, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp announced that the Church of Hope will have Trunk or Treat at the church parking area on Halloween. Also, the Archives will be open on Veteran's Day after the ceremony until 3:00 p.m.

Resident Dan Bell commented that the area at the entrance to town needs mowing. He feels that the Village should ban burning and have residents bag leaves and yard waste. Referring to the agenda item, he is against closing a park.

Agenda –

All-town clean up is schedule for November 9.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Jensen – Street lights are out on Depot Street. Brad has called the electrician to get them repaired. Confirmed that Kratochvil sidewalk is on the list to be repaired; it is, but we have not scheduled any sidewalk improvements.

Comm. Riley – Would like to "condense" the park and move the half swings to the smaller side, and also remove the rock, then seed the area with grass. Mayor Serena stated that he is not in favor of eliminating a park and asked if he intended to do anything else with the space. A suggestion was made to convert it to a softball field. Comm. Riley made motion to condense the park, move half the swings and patch with grass, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Riley, Jensen. Nays – Wolf, Mayor Serena. Motion failed.

The Christmas Tree Lighting is November 29 at 6:00 p.m. Riley asked Ida Schopp to give the details about the Festival of Trees at Standard Bank. Ten trees have been donated so far. The trees will be on display for two weeks starting on November 14, and then will be auctioned off after the tree lighting. Proceeds will go to the parks.

Comm. Wolf – Brought up the possibility of business registration, regarding people coming in and setting up business in town with the village being unaware. We should have guidelines set up as to what they can and can't do, before they even rent a location. Once a business is in place, it is too hard to get them out and there are some businesses we would not have allowed. Riley presented Diamond's policy as an example. It was suggested that the commissioners review it and highlight what should be considered. Motion was made by Wolf to table the discussion,

second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Wolf, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Engineer Christensen – The IDOT permit has been received. Issert's days will commence on Monday, November 2, and they have less than 100 days left on the contract.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Provided responses to public comments at the previous board meeting on September 28. A nuisance letter has been sent and a phone call made regarding the building with crumbling bricks but no reply has been received. An update to the storm sewer project has been given. The problem at O'Hare Towing was a result of insurance regulations, because they cannot do anything with the vehicles until they are released. When there is a fatality involved, IDOT must give approval. On the subject of someone living in a home with an orange sticker who may have committed a felony, that person was doing some work on the home, not living there, and does not have felony in Illinois. He is in the process of submitting a permit to do the work on the house. The water main that was broken was fixed within three days of the meeting.

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 Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner