VILLAGE BOARD
November 23, 2015

Monday, November 23, 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, Dick Hileman, and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Rob Wolf was absent. Also present were Atty. Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 9 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp commented on the outdoor decorating contest and the festival of trees at the Standard Bank.

Agenda –

Mayor Serena brought up the annual outdoor holiday decorating contest. In the past, prizes of $100, $75 and $50 were awarded. Comm. Hileman made motion to pay the winners out of the gambling fund, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the proposed 2016 meeting schedule as printed, including Columbus Day on the schedule, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Next, the proposed business registration ordinance was discussed, using Diamond's ordinance as a model. Mayor Serena suggested several changes: the addition to insure that the business is permissible; add the property owner to the application; is there a signed lease and the duration of such lease; inspections for new businesses. Comm. Hileman made motion to pass the example to Scott Belt to draft an ordinance with the suggested changes, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Requested closed session at the conclusion of the meeting regarding pending litigation and purchase or lease of property.

Comm. Hileman – Several CDs are coming due. Two FOIAs were received regarding the ordinances related to water bills being sent to property owners.

Comm. Jensen – Street lights are still out on Depot Street. Brad has called the electrician to get them repaired.

Comm. Riley – Reminder to all about the Christmas tree lighting on November 29.

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Engineer Christensen – Contractor to start on Monday or Tuesday on storm sewer project.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Judging for outdoor decorating contest will be on December 22.

At 7:40 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion, authorized pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline,

performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, also 5ILCS120/2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:15 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to reconvene, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner