VILLAGE BOARD
January 11, 2016

Monday, January 11, 2016, 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 minutes of December 14 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Pass: Wolf. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Comm. Hileman pointed out that $7,728.89 in video gaming funds has been received and $16,398.03 in motor fuel tax which takes us up through October. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the report, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Brook Shupe, Democratic candidate for Grundy County State's Attorney in the March 15 primary, introduced herself.

Agenda –

The Planning and Zoning Board has approved the corrected zoning map and presented it to the Village Board. Attorney Belt questioned the changes that were made and whether public hearings were held. Several of the changes date back to the time of codification. Some of the changes that were made were done prior to a Supreme Court decision that requires notice, both constructive and actual, public hearing, finding, and a written ordinance to changes to a property owner's zoning classification. The P & Z Board is required to review and approve the zoning map each year, and their opinion is that these changes were made but not reflected on the current map. Further research needs to be done to verify that the process was completed properly. Comm. Hileman made motion to table a decision, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve an ordinance creating Chapter 11.45 of the Gardner Municipal Code entitled "Business Licenses" which creates business license regulations within the Village of Gardner and penalties for any violations, with the amendment to add #7 to page 2 (11.45.10 [A]) Name of property owner, address, phone number, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Serena interrupted the agenda to allow a representative of Grundy County Sheriff's Department to present his report.

Returning to the agenda, Comm. Hileman pointed out that residents have not obtained proper building permits for a generator and shed/garage. Attorney Belt pointed out that the building officer has the authority to issue a stop work order on construction that is inconsistent with the permit application. Hileman made motion that the building inspector review every permit and determine the fee before it is approved, second by Jensen. We would then do away with immediate issue. Those who do not obtain a proper permit in advance are required to pay a fee twice that of the normal amount. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman stated that the man who owns the Truck Sales on Campus Road is putting a 40-foot addition on his building and asked if there is any way that he could purchase Roots Street. He would like to park his trucks there and get rid of the gravel parking lot and blacktop the lot. Hileman suggested that he lease the property the way we lease property to the grade school if the Board agrees, but we should add a provision that we have the right to vacate that lease. At the time of redoing the lot he would slope it toward the ditch. Further, the owner cannot add to his present location and he might have to search out another property for his business. He is interested in the area from Campus Road to the end of his property line. Jensen mentioned that other residents would ask for the same

consideration of leasing alley property but Hileman maintained that this is a business concern, not a dispute with neighbors. Comm. Hileman made motion to table the discussion until the next meeting, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resident Tom Perkins announced that the Red Carpet weekend is May 7 and 8. The promoters are in the process of choosing the giveaway for this year and the cost. He also mentioned the Route 66 visitors to Gardner.

Unfinished Business:

Comm. Hileman once again brought up the issue of late water payments. He has checked with Dwight and Coal City, who are on a two-month cycle. They add a 10% penalty if the payment is late, Coal City adds another 5% if it is not paid on the due date. If the bills are not paid by the next cycle time, the water is shut off. Hileman suggested a three-month cycle to pay a past-due amount in addition to the current bill. Situations with leaks should be left up to the discretion of the Water Commissioner, but should not extend past 12 months. Missing a payment would result in an automatic shut off. The entire balance must be paid in full in order to be reconnected. Only one agreement will be allowed per 12 months. Since this issue was not on the agenda, it could not be approved/passed and so it will be an item on the next agenda.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – No title work has been received on Division Street. Reported that the Brorsen, McConahay, and Norton cases have all been resolved.

Comm. Hileman – Nothing to report

Comm. Jensen – Several alleys need to be graded when weather permits and the Baker alley situation has been taken care of.

Comm. Riley – Eleven or twelve letters have been sent. Secondly, wishes to move forward on Paul Ferrari's Liberty Street property in regard to the falling bricks. A letter has been sent. Mayor Serena will talk to him, get a plan and bring it to the Board. A license will not be granted until the building is fixed.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Storm sewer work is on hold temporarily due to weather conditions.

Clerk Malinowski – Received a thank-you note from Kurt and Tracy Kociss regarding the award for the Christmas decorating contest.

Mayor Serena – Would like to rejuvenate a neighborhood watch program with coordination from the Sheriff's department.

At 8:50 p.m. Comm. Riley 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, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 9:25 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Jensen. 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. Hileman, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner