VILLAGE BOARD
January 25, 2016

Monday, January 25, 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 January 11 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 Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Terry Baker addressed the Board regarding leasing of alleys. He stated that he agrees with Comm. Jensen, that leasing of alleys should not be done.

Agenda –

Resident and business owner Cathy Pettavino addressed the Board regarding the Red Carpet Corridor event in May. She requested permission to use the parking lot for a car show. Comm. Hileman made motion to permit the use of the parking lot for Saturday and also Sunday if necessary, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman explained the water billing ordinance: the current bill is due by the 20th of the month. If it is not paid by the 20th, then a past due notice is sent to their house with a due date of the 20th of the following month. A red "termination of service" sticker is posted on the front door of the customer five business days before the 21st of that month, if payment has not been made by then, as a final notice. We have been allowing payment agreements. Comm. Hileman made motion that effective February 1, 2016, an internal memo of guidelines to be used in the office to collect water bills, and if anyone is behind they have three months to catch up by paying one-third of the past due amount along with the current bill. If it is not paid by the 20th of the month, they will automatically be shut off with no further notice. Only one agreement per twelve-month period is allowed. Second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding Roots Street. 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 with 180 days notice. At the time of redoing his 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. Mayor Serena stated that this would just be an agreement that the owner would have the right to use that area, as he has been doing. 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.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Norton is still pending, Brorsen abated fines because everything was cleaned up sufficiently, McConahay was paid in full.

Comm. Hileman – Nothing to report

Comm. Jensen – Has talked with Brad to get holes filled on Main Street. One "occupant" had a vehicle towed which was parked on village property.

Comm. Riley – Fourteen to fifteen letters have been sent for abandoned or inoperable vehicles. Most of them have been moved. He has received a letter from Mrs. Tidyman that she has contacted a mason and end of April/early May she will start to repair the building.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Has been given orders on fixing/patching Main Street.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Nothing further to report. He is glad that Vino's is going to do something for the Red Carpet event.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner