VILLAGE BOARD
February 8, 2016

Monday, February 8, 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, James Riley, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Commissioners Dick Hileman and Rob Wolf. Also present was Atty. Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 25 were presented. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The Treasurer's Report for January was presented. Comm. Jensen moved to approve the report, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Kendall Lamb addressed the Board regarding the towing of his vehicle. He said that the towing notice was on the driver's seat and was not posted on the windshield since there was snow on the windshield and it had rained the day before. Comm. Jensen and Riley, as well as Brad Kingma, verified that it was placed on the windshield. Comm. Riley had deleted the photo from his phone on February 7, so was unable to provide proof. He also requested permission to have stone put down in the alley behind his residence.

Agenda –

A discussion was held regarding Roots Street. Mayor Serena explained 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 blacktop his current gravel lot. Serena suggested a lease of the property the way the Village leases property to the grade school if the Board agrees. He provided the Board and Attorney Belt with a copy of the referenced ordinance (VG05-397) requested that Attorney Belt draft a similar ordinance. The new lease would specify that no buildings are to be erected, a 90 day provision to vacate the property in the event that the Village needed it, provide proof of liability insurance, and the lessee could not make an agreement with anyone else. Comm. Riley made motion to move forward, second by Mayor Serena. Roll call: Ayes: Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: Jensen. Motion carried.

Mayor Serena distributed copies of the Village Standard Procedures for water billing, payment collections, late notices and subsequent termination of service notification. These internal guidelines follow the current ordinance and with a limit of one payment agreement per rolling twelve month period. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the water agreements and procedures as printed, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing to report in open session.

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Jensen – He has been notified of a couple of locations that need to scraped and leveled so that vehicles don't "bottom out," and asked Brad to contact Issert to take care of the areas at Pine south of Main and at Peck and Main.

Comm. Riley – Went around the village today and will be sending out two letters tomorrow.

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Engineer Christensen – Absent

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Nothing further to report.

At 7:22 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation, authorized pursuant to 5LCS Section (2)(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 7:53 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. . Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Riley would like to get Paul Ferrari to fix his building and directed Attorney Belt to move forward. Mayor Serena read the Grundy County Sheriff's department, which was delivered while the Board was in executive session.

Attorney Belt reported that Grundy County is in the process of finalizing a storm water ordinance. There was a statute that was adopted that included several counties of which Grundy is one, that authorized the county to adopt a regional storm water plan. The significance of that to the Village is that it is special legislation that states that they do have jurisdiction to regulate storm water within the corporate limits of the Village unless the Village adopts storm water regulations equal to or more stringent than the county adopts. The municipalities within the county have the ability to opt out by adopting their own set of regulations. If in the future a developer wishes to build in Gardner, he would be subject to the Village regulations and not the county. Mayor Serena pointed out that the EPA may also expand regulations at some point in the future.

The Mayor has been notified that Main Street is scheduled to be re-done in 2017, and therefore it might be beneficial to do any crossings for the storm sewer this year.

Mayor Serena pointed out that in the future, a photograph should be taken of notification stickers that are placed on windows and a copy saved to the file.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner