VILLAGE BOARD
April 11, 2016

Monday, April 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 and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Rob Wolf was absent. Also present was Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Public Comments –

Resident Don Phillips requested permission to set up his sound system downtown at the gazebo to play music on Saturday, May 7, during the Red Carpet Corridor event and car show.

Agenda –

The sidewalk at 412 N. Center is in need of repair. It is on the route to the grade school. Mayor Serena suggested that it might be put on the list to do later this year or when school lets out but measurements need to be taken first. Comm. Hileman made motion that nothing be done at this time and review at a later time, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Wolf requested the agenda item regarding Kraus billing and overcharges but was not present at the meeting. Comm. Riley made motion that this item be tabled until Wolf is present, second by Hileman. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Julianne Buck of C.O.A.D. (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) addressed the board regarding their mission to provide a network of local community organizations to coordinate and provide aid in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

Unfinished Business: None

Reports –

Atty. Belt – A confirmation of title needs to be obtained for Root Street and Chamlin will prepare a legal description. It was suggested to have the Clerk research the minutes around 1976-77 when the street was purportedly given to the village and named through a contest with the school children.

In regard to the Union Pacific railroad crossing, the village had already approved preliminary plans but now IDOT needs to file a petition with ICC to provide pedestrian crossings. Mayor Serena has the plans and requested that Belt and Christensen review them after the meeting.

A wine tasting entity/manufacturer/seller of honey wine wishes to locate in Gardner. Zoning changes may need to be made to accommodate it and state liquor licensing requirements may not allow the facility since the proposed site is across from a park. A new liquor license classification may need to be created because of the manufacturing aspect and also a zoning text amendment. The prospective buyer of the property wishes to find out if this is possible before he makes an offer. Ownership of the property in question needs to be determined. Mayor Serena expressed concern about having another tavern-type in town.

Updating the board on the changes requested to the zoning map by the Planning and Zoning Board, Belt referred to the planner and code expert who were brought in at the time of codification. They made recommendations to zone those properties currently duplexes as single family detached. The

properties are still lawful, but the thought process behind that was that if the property was destroyed then they would have to be rebuilt as a single family structure. Bank regulations have changed since 2010 codification and so the changes need to be made in the event a property is put up for sale. The village has the authority to make zoning map changes, but the owner(s) must be informed. Owners must petition to change back. It was suggested to offer this to all the property owners (6 or 8 affected) and have one public hearing for all who wish to and split the cost among them. Building inspector Rankovich offered to go to each owner to give them the opportunity, otherwise they might have to do it at some point in the future and bear the entire expense.

Gardner has decided to go along with the county on comprehensive storm water regulations. No deadline has been established for compliance, so for the time being we will do nothing.

Comm. Hileman – We have received notice from Constellation that beginning in July our electric bills will increase around $350-500 per month because of new legislation regarding rolling blackouts.

Comm. Jensen – Nothing to report.

Comm. Riley – Sent out eight or nine letters properties needing mowing and cleaning yards. Hileman commented that there are some cars that have not been moved.

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Engineer Christensen – Sidewalks have been poured on Main Street and there are some crossings of roads to go.

Clerk Malinowski – Thank you received from Jake Olsen and Benny Grant for the loads of dirt.

Mayor Serena – The Red Carpet event is coming up in May and would like residents to have their yards cleaned up by then. There will be a car show downtown.

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, Hileman, Riley, Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner