VILLAGE BOARD
April 25, 2016

Monday, April 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 was Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The current bills were presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed, with the addition of $2,255 to Anderson Concrete, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

There were no public comments.

Agenda –

Comm. Jensen related that after the recent pit bull incident, he received four or five phone calls from concerned residents. There have been three other offenses with this owner. He has spoken to Animal Control and learned that they are currently waiting on a court date and the only one who can issue an order of euthanization for the dog is the judge. He feels that Animal Control has everything under control.

Mayor Serena read a letter from the Auxiliary requesting permission to the Danner-Madsen American Legion Auxiliary to distribute poppies on Friday, May 27. Poppies were given to each of the board members and the Mayor made a donation in the name of the board. Comm. Hileman made motion to grant permission, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to schedule the All-Town clean-up for June 6, second by Riley. Clerk Malinowski will contact Heartland to confirm the date and Heartland will handle newspaper announcements. A note will be added to the May and June water bills, and the Morris radio station will also be notified to announce on the community calendar segment. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resident Kurt Fosnaugh addressed the Board regarding the issue of homeowners not cleaning up their yards. Mayor Serena mentioned that there is not too much the Village can do although some residents have been taken to court and others were served with the intention to take legal action. However, in most cases, some clean up is done but then the yards end up in the same condition again.

Unfinished Business: None

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Nothing to report

Comm. Jensen – Blacktop has been completed in front of the high school and it looks good.

Comm. Riley – Received a check from Exelon for $1,000 for the parks. Also, he has a stack of letters ready to go out in the morning for mowing, abandoned cars and junk, some are going to businesses.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Black dirt and seeding to be done, weather permitting. The Mayor asked if a street sweeper could be run down the street before the Red Carpet event.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Union Pacific has notified him that Washington Street crossing is to be closed on Tuesday, April 26, from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Wednesday for upgrades. The fire department and sheriff's department have been notified. It will be put on the Gardner cable channel.

He presented the Gardner Red Carpet handout item, which is a "license plate" showing the jail, diner car and water tower.

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, Wolf, Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner