VILLAGE BOARD
June 13, 2016

Monday, May 23, 2016, at 7:02 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 Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Terry Jensen was absent. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of May 23, 2016 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed, second by Serena. Riley questioned the payment to Grundy County Development Council as he felt there was no benefit to Gardner. Mayor Serena explained the objectives of this organization and the limitation of options to Gardner, and said it was open to discussion to opt out. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: Riley, Wolf. Motion failed. After a comment from Mayor Serena that none of the bills would be paid, Comm. Hileman amended the motion to approve the payment of the bills with the exception of Grundy County Development Council, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Riley. Hileman indicated that a transfer of funds will need to be made to the IMRF Fund at the next meeting. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena.

Public Comments –

There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Provided an update on the ICC situation with correspondence from IDOT. It is correctly noted that they had excluded Division Street with the representation that there are existing pedestrian crosswalks there, so it is up to IDOT to resolve whether or not Division Street needs to be included in the petition. IDOT was not aware that Grundy County has jurisdiction over Main Street, so he has provided contact information and explained the process so they will do their own petition because there will have to be an ICC order entered to approve the pedestrian crossing. The county representative's opinion is that the Village would be responsible for costs associated with the sidewalk up to the crossing on both sides; Belt reviewed at the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement and sidewalks were not addressed in it. He suggested that the Village obtain an estimate of the cost to pay for labor and materials and then negotiate responsibility. Comm. Hileman maintained that Guy had discussed this with the county better than a year ago. Mayor Serena agreed that IDOT is aware of it also and the railroad is re-establishing the property that they already own, which is 50 feet on each side of the rail, and since there is already sidewalk there we should not be required to pay for anything.

Reminded the board that the county had adopted a storm water ordinance in March and the Village has the opportunity to opt out of the umbrella of the county if we adopt an ordinance that is equal to or more stringent than what the county has adopted. As a matter of law by state statute, all municipalities in Gundy fall under the authority of the county on this storm water issue. Problems could potentially arise if a developer wished to build in Gardner. It

was suggested that we look at other municipalities to see what they are doing and make an informed decision.

Before Comm. Hileman spoke, a representative from Grundy County Sheriff's Department gave his report.

Comm. Hileman – Addressed the possibility to limit or waive impact fees, permits and tap-on fees for twelve months to see if it would possibly promote new building. Impact fees could be around $65,000 before one could even begin to build and they are excessive compared to, for example, Braceville or South Wilmington. He asked that the Board think about it and have a discussion at the next meeting. Belt suggested that fees be reviewed as to the amount and the Village's authority to charge them, and then make a decision to reduce or waive.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Comm. Jensen received a bid of $4,025 to clean/prep, spray seal-coating and re-striping Village parking lots. Hileman made motion to proceed as long as there is a warranty no less than 30 days, second by Wolf. Belt suggested a performance bond for public works project and notification on the Prevailing Wage Act. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf. Nays: Serena. Motion carried.

The large planters have been moved downtown and bushes will be planted in them. The timbers around the park at North and Center were rotted and have been removed, and grass seed has been planted. Ferrari's 30-day notice will be up on June 23, and he will follow up with Belt at that time.

Comm. Wolf – Has noticed that grass seed has been planted along the construction area and asked if residents had been notified to water.

Engineer Christensen – Several residents have had issues with UPRR and a meeting was held on Thursday and were put at ease when the received explanations of what is happening.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – The storm sewer project is completed but he has a problem with the final clean up. Christensen suggested that we notify them that we would hire someone to do it and withhold it from their final payment.

There was an issued at the water plant over the weekend, but Brad took care of it.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner