VILLAGE BOARD
July 11, 2016

Monday, July 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 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 June 27, 2016 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Pass: Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed with the addition of payment to Grundy County Economic Development in the amount of $1,463.00 (payment was excluded by motion at June 13 board meeting), second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

There were no public comments, however, a representative from Grundy County Sheriff's Department presented the June 2016 report. Comm. Wolf asked whether there have been any issues with the Pokemon game.

Agenda –

Tawnya Mack, of Mack & Assoc., presented the annual audit report for FY 2016, reporting that there were no significant errors or concerns. Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the audit, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman moved to table approval of the Budget/Appropriation Ordinance until the July 25 meeting, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Received an alert from IDOT regarding the high speed rail project reflecting that both the Village and Grundy County have to file a petition with the ICC for the approval of the pedestrian crossing locations in their respective jurisdiction, and he recommends that the Village file a petition for each of its pedestrian crossings within the municipality. There is a hearing process involved and IDOT has recommended approval of the crossings. Comm. Wolf made motion to have Belt write a petition for the three pedestrian crossings, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman – Comm. Hileman made motion to waive building permit fees and tap-on fees for <u>new housing only</u> for a period of twelve months, second by Riley, in order to possibly encourage new construction. He specified that it would not apply to garages, sheds, swimming pools, additions, or apartment buildings, but only for someone who buys a lot and puts up a house. He stressed that permits must still be obtained and inspections made, but the fees would be waived. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Hileman made motion to transfer funds in the amount of $5,000 from the General Fund to IMRF, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Hileman also made mention that health insurance will increase approximately $600 per month, power for the sewer plant will increase around $300 per month. Notices were either not received or received too late to explore other options.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Asked for a status on the clean up after the water main break on Elm Street. O'Hare Towing has been piling up more junk and he has talked to Katie Cooper a couple of times and suggested that we proceed with legal action. He has talked to Chris Dearth regarding complaints to Ferrari and Don Reed and asked Belt for a status, and then questioned why Dean Rankovich was copied on a letter to Don Reed.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing further besides the Pokemon issue.

Engineer Christensen – Updated the Board on the high speed rail fence agreement. The revision paperwork is in process. He has contacted Issert on the final clean-up on the storm sewer project and if it isn't done, he suggested we hire someone to do it and deduct the charges from their final payment.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Updated on the issue regarding the stop sign at the senior housing. He saw a deputy sitting there and as he walked up to him, a car ran the sign and the deputy went after him.

At 7:40 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation, authorized pursuant to 5LCS Section (2)(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:05 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner