**VILLAGE BOARD**
**July 25, 2016**

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

The minutes of July 11, 2016 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen. 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 exception of payment to Underground Pipe & Valve, until we find out the amount of a credit we are due, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comments** –

Resident Craig Parks requested a letter from the Village confirming that his business on Depot Street is allowed to be open. Also wished to clarify that rocks that were put on personal property were from the parkway.

Resident Mike Pokornicki asked the amount the Village holds in CDs or bonds. Comm. Hileman informed him about $1.2 million in CDs which includes the water fund, the sewer fund, the motor fuel tax, the CDAP loan and TIF money.

Resident Don Phillips addressed the board regarding a tractor ride sponsored by the City of Morris to be held September 16 - 18. They would like to come through Gardner, most likely on the 17th, and possibly stop for lunch if the Village is interested. An exact number is not available at this time but is estimated around 150. The last time the event came to Gardner the Village closed Depot Street to traffic. Comm. Hileman made motion to close Depot Street on Saturday, September 17, for the event, second by Riley, confirming that the Village would pay to have barricades put up; we have the right to do that so long as the motion is made, seconded and carried. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mayor Serena added that he has some pictures from the last event and as he recalled, all we did was put up barricades and set some garbage cans out. Phillips added that Max Armstrong is expected to be in attendance.

**Agenda –**

William Pohl, representing the Knights of Columbus, addressed the board regarding their Tootsie Roll Drive to be held September 16, 17 and 18. Comm. Hileman made motion to grant permission to K of C to hold their Tootsie Roll Drive, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman reviewed changes to last year's Budget/Appropriation Ordinance and then made motion to approve, second by Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business was presented.

**Reports –**

**Atty. Belt** – Nothing to report

**Comm. Hileman** – Reviewed pump repairs and costs for the sewer plant. We've been paying an average of $14-16,000 to get the pumps repaired; this one ran up to around $20,000. In discussions with them, Hileman learned that they had been sending out employees who were "trainees" and he told them we are not here to pay somebody to learn how to do something. The last bill was $7,226 and after Hileman talked to them, they subtracted $3,680.

He was contacted by a company called "Mobilitie" who told him that they have a right to use Village right of ways for poles. Belt added, not without a franchise agreement. Hileman told them that the Village would require compensation, and they came back with a proposal of annual fee in the neighborhood of $2,400 for each pole, (4-5 poles). He passed along the letter to Scott Belt to review and offer recommendations as to whether or not to accept.

Hileman has called some politicians to try to get the ditch around town cleaned. He asked them to write a letter to District 3, but they had some liaison people in Springfield that they would contact. He did receive a call from an engineer from Ottawa who had to wait for some information from Springfield. He then called the politicians back, who said to give them until Tuesday (tomorrow, July 26). He would like to get it done as long as the workers and equipment are in the area.

**Comm. Jensen** – Would like Issert to come back and respray the grass. Hileman mentioned that we are holding $60,000, we paid him $33,000 and he has a bond. Guy had recommended that we wait until fall if we are going to do it; if it is done now and there is no rain, it won't come up.

**Comm. Riley** – Sent a letter to the owner of the house on Jackson that had a fire, asking him to remove the hills of dirt and weeds in the front and back of the house. He had Fatlan come in to remove the hills and it looks better now.

Wanted to re-visit the sidewalk issue at the Kratochvil residence on Center Street. Riley made motion to do the sidewalk maintenance on Center Street, second by Jensen. The proposed area would be approximately 50 feet long, 5 foot wide, or around 250 square feet @ $5.50/sq. ft. or about $1,200-$1,300. Roll call - Ayes: Riley, Jensen. Nays: Hileman, Mayor Serena. Motion failed.

**Comm. Wolf –** Absent

**Engineer Christensen** – He has delivered copies of the permits to the contractors working on the crossings and IDOT has approved the permits. Bonds have been obtained at $25,000 per crossing for four crossings, or $100,000 total. IDOT will be responsible to check and make sure they are doing what they are supposed to be doing.

**Clerk Malinowski** – Nothing to report

**Mayor Serena** – Discussed changes or additions to the Gardner brochure for the Grundy Economic Development Council. Hileman suggested to indicate the total number of TIF acres available. Christensen offered to provide a map and acreage. Since the Mayor is a member of the board, Hileman made motion to give Mayor Serena the power to make changes and proceed with the brochure, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen. Pass: Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hileman also added that *The Paper* reported that Dwight is paying only 50 cents per resident and they are making more on sales tax on the Grundy County side than they are on the Livingston County side. Serena pointed out that the truck stop is a big asset but the medical marijuana facility has been huge for them.

At 7:32 p.m. Comm. Riley 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 Jensen. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:16 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, 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 Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner