VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 26, 2016

Monday, September 26, 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 Engineer Guy Christensen and Village Attorney Scott Belt.

The minutes of September 12, 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 Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp thanked the Mayor for having the *Archives* letters installed. The Church of Hope will be having Treats in the Trunk once again on Halloween. The bank will once again hold the Festival of Trees with proceeds going to the parks, in conjunction with the tree lighting. It was a good community event last year and they wish to repeat it.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to donate $100 for a ¼ page in the GSW yearbook from gaming funds, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to set Halloween Trick or Treat hours at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 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 – Attended an ICC hearing on September 13 regarding the three crossings under Village jurisdiction and felt it went well. We have been asked by the administrative law judge to prepare a draft ordinance for submission; we've done that but don't have the final order yet. Since this is an administrative proceeding there is an administrative law judge that gets assigned to hear the case and he then submits his findings and recommendations to the full commerce commission board. He does not see any reason for a delay and we should receive an answer within the next 30 days.

There is a pending court date of November 4 on Ferrari; as it draws closer he will solicit input on what has/has not been done. Don Reed has a continued court date of October 7. He is preparing a notice for the Cooper Towing issues. He recommends moving forward on the cargo container aspect because that's pretty clear. There us a zoning issue that needs additional attention. On the Nielsen issue, we will complain together on that. We do also have a follow-up meeting with the county which needs to be scheduled.

Comm. Hileman – Requested further information from Belt that we did not get an agreement on Main Street, just the three Village-jurisdiction crossings. It is apparent that there is a refusal on the part of the county to move forward with the petition before the ICC, notwithstanding that they have undisputed jurisdiction over Main Street.

He has had some information that the county is trying to do something with road signs, where the state will reimburse them 95%. We did ours eight years ago and he asked Belt whether we would be getting some of that money back.

At the sewer plant the wet well has a flow tech vent bracket in need of repair at a cost of around $1,400-1,500.

He has a copy of a letter from the State's Attorney addressed to Belt along with a police report regarding the gravel dumping issue with Craig Parks. The letter infers the village has done damage to private property and cautions against future complaints.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – The Village Tree Lighting will be held on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Directed Belt to proceed with the flea market issue regarding cleaning up, construction without permits, leaving items outside. They were warned approximately two years ago that they cannot leave merchandise outside, whether it belongs to the vendors or not. Also, the installation of a window where there was none before may have compromised the structure. The notice needs to be directed to the property owners but we have been unable to obtain contact information.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Nothing to report, but the Mayor requested a follow up on the light fixture situation.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Has received quotes on concrete for sidewalks designated to be replaced and intends to have volunteers and village workers do the finishing labor at no cost to the Village. Suggested locations are the mail box area at Cedar and Washington, the sidewalks on the grade school route, and concrete slabs by the jail for the bike rack and the bench donated by the Tom Wise family.

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, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner