VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 24, 2016

Monday, October 24, 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 James Riley, Rob Wolf, Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Village Engineer Guy Christensen and Village Attorney Scott Belt.

The minutes of September 26, 2016 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen. Nays: none. Motion carried. Due to a lack of quorum, there was no meeting on October 10, 2016, and no minutes were presented for approval.

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

The Treasurers Report was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the Treasurers Report, second by Riley. Roll Call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Agenda –

Michael Leone, GSW Band Director, made a presentation and donation request to help pay for the Gardner Area Band's trip to Washington, D.C. The band has been nominated by Governor Rauner to represent Illinois in the National Memorial Day Parade. There are 40 band members, half of which are Gardner residents. The cost of the trip is $562 per student. Fund raisers are planned and any money raised will only go toward student trips, and no money will go toward anything else. Chaperones and parents, as well as the director himself, will be expected to pay their own way. He gave a brief summary of the process by which the band was selected. A decision on a Village donation will be on the next agenda.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Followed up on storm water regulations ordinance/amendment to code which Grundy County has already adopted. He has had no further communication with Mobilitie. Hileman said that he was called last week but he did not return the call because the decision reached at their meeting was that they would contact Belt and the Village will not pay further attorney fees. Mr. Nielsen was served with a circuit court complaint, first appearance set for November 4. Regarding Ferrari, he has a November status date. He has done nothing but put up scaffold. He has 60 days from 9/18 to complete the work. On the ICC matter, there has been a final order submitted for commerce commission approval. A Main Street meeting needs to be scheduled for a final resolution with the county. On Root Street, the lease file is still open and lacking a legal description. Discussion was held on the proposed boundaries of the property and terms of the lease.

Comm. Hileman – Grundy County Animal Control Contract has been received. Last year it was $2,497.68; this year it goes to $4,167.96. He has tried unsuccessfully to contact Sue Gill on several occasions, so he got in touch with the County Administrator. They have lost $2 million in revenue and have made cuts, but are still in need of money so they have raised the price. We have some time to decide, so he will try to get the price reduced. If not, the Village needs to make a decision on whether or not to continue the contract.

The Village had removed some equipment at the park on Center Street and planted grass seed, and some neighbors have torn up the park by driving go-karts through there. He has been told that the police have been there a couple of times. Mayor Serena and Comm. Wolf will go to talk to them and, if it is not resolved, Belt will send a letter.

Regarding O'Hare Towing, they have been given a period of 30 days to fix the problem of cargo containers. A question of point of sale and resulting sales tax income for the Village has come up. Don Reed has received an extension because he told the judge that he had cleaned up substantially and is due back in court on October 28. Dearth has asked Comm. Riley to inspect the property and nothing has been touched. We have been informed by one of Parks' former vendors on Depot Street that he is doing electrical work, erecting walls and installing dry wall without a building permit.

Comm. Jensen – Further questioned a decision on the Animal Control contract regarding liability if someone is bitten by a dog.

Comm. Riley – Needs to review with Belt several upcoming court dates regarding property concerns.

Comm. Wolf – Brought up water shut-off dates scheduled for a Friday – he would like to possibly change the day to either a Thursday or Monday to avoid a resident being without water for a weekend. The Fire Department needs to notify the Village in the event of fires. In the case of fires outside the Village limit, when the pressure gets to a certain level, the fire department is to be shut off and they must use the wet well to get water. If the fire is in town, they can use whatever water that is needed. The fire department must present documentation showing the amount of water used since we need to track the water usage and submit reports to the EPA.

Engineer Christensen – Nothing to report,

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Cautioned residents to watch out for children on Halloween.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Jensen. Roll Call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner