VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2016

Monday, November 14, 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 Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, James Riley and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Comm. Rob Wolf. Also present was Village Attorney Chris Dearth.

The minutes of October 24, 2016 were presented. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Jensen moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments – A representative from Grundy County Sheriff's Department presented the report for the month of October.

Agenda –
Comm. Hileman made motion to make a donation to Gardner Area Band Boosters to sponsor one band member in the amount of $560 from gaming funds for the band trip to Washington, D.C., to represent Illinois in the 2017 Memorial Day Parade from, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Hileman made motion to extend free water and sewer to residents on bills due December 20 using $8,000 from gaming revenue to offset the water and sewer funds cost. Riley seconded the motion. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Hileman would like the board to consider changes for next year's free water in order to encourage prompt payment of bills throughout the year and give residents advance notice of those conditions.

The Animal Control contract will increase approximately $1,700 this coming year and is expected to go even higher next year. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the contract for one more year, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: Riley. Motion carried. Research will be done before next year's contract to determine what other towns in the county are paying and options to be considered.

Comm. Hileman made motion for the Village to make the following donations, to be paid from the video gaming funds. From time to time, we receive requests from various school organizations. A letter will be sent to the school boards with the check, that our intention is that the donation is for the 2016-17 school year and the school boards should determine how the funds should be spent. The letter will also request a report at the end of the school year showing how the funds were spent.

GSW High School - $2,000
Gardner Grade School - $2,000
Church of Hope - $1,000
United Lutheran Church - $1,000
Gardner Lions Club - $100
Gardner Senior Citizens - $100
Boy Scouts - $100
Girl Scouts - $100

Motion was seconded by Comm. Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Comm. Hileman to move forward to seek legal advice regarding parking restrictions on Village-maintained rural road, second by Riley. Hileman cited information he received from Village Attorney Belt, that the Illinois Supreme Court has ruled that any municipality has a right to tow vehicles on its property without notification. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Dearth – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – At the first meeting in December, Comm. Hileman will present the Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2017. It will remain essentially the same as FY 2016 unless the board feels a need to raise taxes.

Comm. Jensen – Dean Rankovich will inspect the Depot Street flea market location on November 15.

Comm. Riley – Several court cases pending that need to be completed.

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Engineer Christensen – Absent

Clerk Malinowski – A thank-you letter was received from a concerned resident in the senior housing about the quality of her water. The maintenance workers had her water tested and she was appreciative and complimentary with their concern.

Mayor Serena – Congratulated GSW girls volley ball team on their regional championship. Wished to thank the fire department and Don Phillips for the Veteran's Day ceremony. The maintenance workers are going to start on concrete projects that were discussed a few weeks ago.

Resident Mike Pokornicki had an issue with the TIF Joint Review Board meeting being held at 1:30 in the afternoon and his perception that TIF money will have to be paid back. Comm. Hileman responded that the TIF attorney was the one who scheduled the meeting and he will discuss the money the Village takes in and what was spent.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Jensen, second by Riley. Roll Call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner