VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 28, 2016

Monday, November 28, 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, Terry Jensen and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen.

The minutes of November 14, 2016 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Pass: Wolf. 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 Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None.

Agenda –

Mayor Serena brought up the annual outdoor holiday decorating contest. In the past, prizes of $100, $75 and $50 were awarded. Comm. Hileman made motion to pay the winners out of the gambling fund, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the proposed 2017 meeting schedule as printed, including Columbus Day on the schedule, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve an ordinance establishing no parking on Lutz Road, Howland Road and Carbon Hill Road within the corporate limits of the Village of Gardner, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: one. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt –

Reviewed the approved Grundy County Stormwater Ordinance. In order to be in compliance with Illinois state statute, the Village must establish an ordinance equal to or exceeding the county ordinance. Mayor Serena and Comm. Hileman will check with other towns to learn what they are doing. The county does ask that each community respond to the certification process by January 1, 2017.

The state of Illinois has passed an Act requiring local governments to pass an ordinance or resolution to regulate travel expense, due 180 days after 1/1/17.

Nielsen complaint filed, they showed up in court requested additional time to respond which the judge granted, the case is up for status December 8. Nielsen and his attorney Steve Weeks want to know if it would be worthwhile to discuss proposals with the board in closed session. Riley suggested giving it a shot.

The Tax Levy ordinance will be presented at the December 12 meeting, Comm. Hileman stated that it will remain the same as last year. We levy an amount, not a percentage.

Reviewed the towing ordinance. The Village can tow under certain circumstances as specified in the ordinance, but the owner of the vehicle has the right to a post-tow hearing.

Comm. Hileman – Led a discussion regarding a resident who has a serious water leak which has been going on for a year, wanting to know if the Village could force him to repair it, citing extra expense to the Village for salt and electricity as well as wear and tear on the pumps. Attorney Belt advised that, as long as he pays his bill, there is nothing the Village can do.

Comm. Jensen – Nothing to report

Comm. Riley – Paul Ferrari fixed bricks and gutters, needs to repair the roof to be in compliance. The new business on Depot Street was given an application for a business license and she complied.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen –Regarding another phase of the storm sewer project, East Street to Mazon and Jackson (east on Washington) preliminary elevations were done, estimated at around $325,000.

Clerk Malinowski – A thank-you card was received from the Lutheran Church for the Village's donation.

Mayor Serena – Maintenance workers have done work on concrete projects. Thanked those who helped with decorating; also the Alexanders (Santa and Mrs. Claus), Don Phillips, Jackie Marks, Vino's, Gardner Fire District for the use of their chairs, and the Gardner Lions for serving cookies, hot chocolate and hot cider.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Riley, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner