VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2016

Monday, December 12, 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, Dick Hileman, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent was Comm. Terry Jensen. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen.

The minutes of November 28, 2016 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, 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 Riley, with the exception of the Ready Mix concrete invoice with which there was a pricing discrepancy. Roll call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp reported that the Festival of Trees raised $3,515 which will be donated to the Village Parks Fund. The check will be presented on Friday afternoon, December 16. She also distributed gifts of G-Shaft candy and lotion to the board members. Resident Don Phillips expressed a thank you on behalf of himself and his wife for honoring them with the special Christmas ornament at the tree lighting. Resident Chris Kingma thanked the board for the free water this month.

A representative from Grundy County gave the Sheriff's Report for the month of November.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 2017, second by Wolf. The numbers remain the same as in past years with the exception of salaries for the mayor and commissioners, which were adjusted to reflect the current rates. Roll Call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to pay Village employees Christmas bonuses of $50 to full-time employees and $25 to part-time from the scrap metal fund, and four hours off with pay on Friday, December 23, for Christmas Eve, but not December 29, for New Year's Eve. The motion was seconded by Wolf. Roll Call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – The free water for the period October 21 to November 20, which was due December 20, was a little over $26,000, approximately $3,000 higher than last year. Also, when this deposit comes in there will be $85 short of $10,000 in the parks fund.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and extended thanks to Ida and Katie for their work on the Festival of Trees to raise money for the parks, and to Brad and Justin for doing a great job plowing over the weekend.

Comm. Wolf – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Engineer Christensen –

Clerk Malinowski – Thank you cards were received from the Gardner Lions and Senior Citizens for the donation, and many residents expressed thanks for the free water.

Mayor Serena – Has received comments and questions regarding the new business license, and everyone he has talked to understands that it is an accountability issue. Thanked the Maintenance Workers for a good job plowing.

At 7:15 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Wolf. Roll Call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At 7:35 p.m. Comm. Riley made motion to reconvene, second by Hileman. Roll Call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, 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 Wolf. Roll Call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays – none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner