VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2017

Monday, January 23, 2017, 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, Rob Wolf, Dick Hileman, James Riley and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen.

The minutes of January 9, 2017 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen. 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: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to table the Reimbursement Policy to the next meeting, second by Riley. Attorney Belt pointed out that per the Illinois statute, the policy needs to be adopted by resolution or ordinance. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to table changes to the Vehicle Ordinance to the next meeting, second by Riley. Code amendment is to be done by ordinance. Comm. Riley is to meet with Attorneys Belt and Dearth to establish the specifics by which movement of a vehicle within a seven day period would be determined, in order to comply with the Vehicle Ordinance. Several options were presented but no decision was made. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to adopt an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a "REAL ESTATE SALES CONTRACT" for the purchase of the real property commonly known as 301 Division Street in the Village of Gardner, Illinois, consisting of approximately 1.60 +/- acres with the use of available Tax Increment Financing District funds (Nielsen Grain Co., property), second by Riley. Attorney Belt presented a survey of the property. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve an ordinance amending the Village of Gardner appropriations ordinance known as ordinance 003-2016, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017, second by Riley. This involves only a line item shift and does not affect the total appropriation of the TIF fund. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Additional information was received in regard to the Nielsen title report. There was an easement conveyed to the Village of Gardner on Division Street in September of 1930. The closing for the Nielsen property is set for Friday, January 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Grundy County has sent out a letter asking where municipalities are on the ordinance relating to storm water, and he has informed them that Gardner is in the process of formulating an ordinance.

Comm. Hileman – Papers for the accounts for First Midwest Bank have been signed and delivered. Our funds will be guaranteed by the Bank of New York and Mellon, their money is guaranteed by a third party. We found out two or three weeks ago that Standard Bank was guaranteed through Wells Fargo and not the Federal Reserve.

Comm. Jensen – Proposed road improvements he would like to see done: Depot Street from Jefferson to Division; the Depot Street parking lot which has become worse after sealing and is beyond repair; and the village hall parking lot. Comm. Hileman asked Christensen if Depot Street and the village hall parking lot need grinding. If it needs grinding, he would recommend about an inch. The parkway in front of the maintenance garage is fine for now. Hileman said we would want to pay for it out of motor fuel tax (we have approximately $126,000 readily available – Christensen will submit separate estimates) and Christensen will apply for approval first from the state, then we would put out for bid. Comm. Hileman made motion to proceed, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Riley – Nothing to report.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Reviewed further information regarding the storm sewer project. His intention was to look at it today but he was unable to.

Clerk Malinowski – All but two business license applications have been received.

Mayor Serena – He has done an independent study on the drainage ditches around town. He has contacted the IDOT representative in charge of the project and offered whatever assistance we can provide to get this done, including getting equipment in and/or a truck to haul dirt.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Jensen, second by Wolf. Roll Call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays – none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner