VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 27, 2017

Monday, February 27, 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 Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Terry Jensen. Also present was Village Attorney Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 13, 2017 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Pass: Hileman. 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 Wolf . Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

None

Agenda –

Mayor Serena presented a copy of the proposed Reimbursement Policy (the same as Coal City's ordinance). Belt recommended to not attach the form to the ordinance in the event it would change in the future. Comm. Hileman made motion to adopt the ordinance except the last page which shows the form, second by Riley. Belt asked that the record reflect that he did not have an opportunity to review the ordinance and is not offering advice, opinion or recommendation associated with the document. Since the required date of implementation date is April 1, it was proposed to have Belt review. A motion to withdraw Hileman's and table until the next meeting was made by Riley, second by Serena. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: Riley. Motion carried.

Inquiries have been received regarding the former Nielsen properties/buildings/grain bins. Belt explained that sale to a single buyer interested in purchasing the property would generate a question of the proposed project and what is being built or developed. There are multiple ways of disposing of real property and Belt will look into those procedures for disposal of real estate. Hileman indicated that he intended to appropriate funds to tear down the elevator if the Village is put in that position. All agreed that the best course of action would be to .sell the grain bins first as surplus property, the purchaser must buy all at once and be given a time frame to remove all within three months Comm. Hileman made motion to authorize Belt to start working on this, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The recommended change to the Vehicle Ordinance will indicate that the vehicle be moved every seven days under its own power, and turn in a different direction. Comm. Hileman made motion to have it typed and ready to be adopted at the next meeting, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to table discussion on the advance of TIF funds to the Gardner Fire District until Christensen can advise on the allocation for the storm sewer project, second by Wolf. The water plant is another appropriated project expense, so available TIF funds this year might be limited without cashing in CDs. Information on tax payouts is not forthcoming at this time so we don't know when they will be received. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – A new Illinois act went into effect in January that requires the Village to create a lead service line inventory for all water service before April 15, 2018, and then update it each year. It is not entirely unfunded; there is provision in the act for the municipality to create a fair and reasonable fee to the user to comply with the act. Rankovich stated that 95% of all connections in the Village are copper or plastic. A 14-day notice would be required to users if water mains, service lines, or water meters are worked on.

Nothing has been done on the Storm Water ordinance. Diamond and Coal City have adopted Will County's. Christensen is taking the lead to extract the engineering standards.

Asked Riley about following up items at the flea market and O'Hare with Dearth.

Hileman asked if we are done with the railroad yet; Belt replied that we do not have a final order yet.

Comm. Hileman – Has CDs coming due at First Midwest, paying .10% of a penny. He is looking at Morris S & L. Standard had no penalty to cash in early, First Midwest's penalty is up to 75% of interest.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Presented three bids for playground swings. Comm. Hileman made motion to order four "generation swings" with chains included, to be paid from the general fund. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Absent

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – IDOT has started working on the drainage ditches, and they will complete as much as they can by April 1.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner