VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 27, 2017

Monday, March 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 Rob Wolf, Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, James Riley and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present was Village Attorney Chris Dearth. Village Engineer Guy Christensen was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of March 13, 2017 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley. Pass: 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 with the exception of a check to Economic Development Group mistakenly made payable to Grundy County Development, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Don Phillips reported on the Morris Tractor Ride on Saturday, June 10, with lunch scheduled in Gardner at Vino's, and asked the Board's permission to block off Depot Street for the event. The Village's churches are being asked to provide desserts and serving the meal in exchange for a donation.

Resident Mike Pokornicki made comments to the Board regarding the Travel Expense policy and referred to Congressman Schock's mishandling of funds.

Agenda –

Comm. Jensen moved to approve the Ordinance Amending Section 7.15.005 of the Gardner Municipal Code Regarding Definition of "Abandoned Motor Vehicle," second by Riley. Mayor Serena read the change to the Vehicle Ordinance that states that the vehicle be moved every seven days under its own power, and turned in a different direction. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing Chapter 9.30 of the Gardner Code of Ordinances Regarding Travel, Meals and Lodging Reimbursement Policy, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing a TIF Real Property Tax Advancement for the 2016 Tax Year (Payable in 2017) from the Village of Gardner TIF Fund to the Gardner Fire Protection District, second by Hileman. Comm. Hileman reviewed current planned projects and their costs, to estimate available funds to honor the request. Mike Pasternak, representing the Gardner Fire Protection District, was in attendance to answer questions and review expenditures and projected revenue. A discussion was held regarding ambulance billing procedures. Mayor Serena pointed out that the Resolution clearly states that it is a $60,000 advancement less legal fees, so that it does not cost the Village money to front them the funds. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: Jensen. Pass – Riley. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Dearth – Has Executive session matters that need to be covered. Brought up the Storm Water Ordinance, which the board has discussed previously. The Board has considered letting other municipalities take the lead, take a look at theirs and see if we can adopt it. Hileman has heard that Belt has had conversations with other municipalities he represents and, if one adopts the ordinance, the others will follow and split the expenses equally by size so that we are not spending $15,000 to $30,000 for an ordinance. Alternately the Village can use an ordinance another municipality has passed but remove their name and substitute "Gardner."

Comm. Hileman – The bids for the parking lots and Depot Street total $142,230 which can be paid from Motor Fuel Taxes. Through December, $130,000 is available now, but we can use future receipts towards this. January through June would put us at about $148,000.

Comm. Jensen – Hileman has already covered the parking lots and Depot Street improvements.

Comm. Riley – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Absent

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – A large portion of the ditch cleaning has been completed by IDOT.

At 7:50 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:43 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner