**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
**April 24, 2017**

Monday, April 24, 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, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent were Commissioners Terry Jensen and Rob Wolf. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of April 10, 2017 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comments** –

Resident Ida Schopp addressed the Board regarding events for the Red Carpet Tour, including the Rockathon on Saturday. The Archives will be open both days. She presented several new items that have been donated.

Reporter Myke Feinman of *The Paper* submitted a letter to the Board requesting that he receive a copy of the packet given to board members at each meeting to ensure accurate reporting. Attorney Belt explained that the press, if they make a formal request, is required to receive a copy of the agenda once it has been posted to follow the Open Meetings Act, but anything else is voluntary. Minutes are not subject to FOIA until approved by the board.

Resident Don Phillips reported on the June 10 Tractor Ride. Vino's will provide the lunch, and the churches will serve the lunch in return for a donation. He also requested the Board's permission to provide music under the gazebo during the Scapegoat's Car Show on May 6.

**Agenda –**

Comm. Hileman made motion to abate the automatic water service and sewer rate increase for FY 2018, second by Riley. Currently there is approximately $201,000 in the water fund and around $306,000 in the sewer fund, with about $10,000 of work to do at the sewer plant this year. Hileman mentioned that, to the best of his knowledge, there have been two increases in seventeen years. Roll Call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to schedule the all-town clean-up for June 12, second by Riley. The refuse company will provide publicity and we will include a comment on the water bills. Roll Call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business was presented.

**Reports –**

**Atty. Belt –** Nothing for open session

**Comm. Hileman** – The electrician be in next week to install a soft-start on the well in maintenance building. We are waiting on Guy to get EPA approval to get started on the water plant.

**Comm. Jensen** – Absent

**Comm. Riley** – Two of the swings that were ordered were the wrong color. The company will exchange them and the bill will be paid once the correct ones are received.

Complaints have been received regarding O'Hare Towing. He would like to direct Belt to send them a letter to get them to clean up the property.

**Comm. Wolf –** Absent

**Engineer Christensen** – Has forms for Motor Fuel Tax funds that need to be signed so he can put together the packages for approval in order to set a bid date. Stott has the contracts and is bonding them for the storm sewer project.

**Clerk Malinowski** – Nothing to report

**Mayor Serena** – Clean up needs to be done before Red Carpet weekend. Commented on Casey's Easter Egg Hunt.

At 7:22 p.m. Comm. Riley 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. Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 8:20 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. 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 Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner