VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2017

Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7:03 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, Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Serena asked for a moment of silence in honor of Tom Poole, a former commissioner who passed away last month.

The minutes of April 24, 2017 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen and Wolf. 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 Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report for the month of April was presented. Comm. Jensen moved to approve the Treasurers Report, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp reported on the Red Carpet weekend events, including the Rock-a-thon, Archives visitors and the car show. Dawn Mack and Cathy Feinman were the winners of the gas cards donated by the Mayor. The Rock-a-thon generated over $1200 in donations to be used for vacation bible school and the car show donated their entry fees of $160 to the food pantry plus filling Ida's trunk with food. Introduced Sharon Pickles as the new president of the senior citizens.

Resident Sharon Pickles announced of Ida Schopp's 90th open house birthday party to be held at the Church of Hope on May 13 from 1 until 4. She also mentioned that O'Hare Trucking is the worst she has ever seen it.

Resident Dan Alexander extended a thank you to the Village for allowing the Scapegoats to hold their car show, and would like to do it again next year for Red Carpet.

A deputy from the Grundy County Sheriff's department gave the report for April.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the 2017 Prevailing Wage Ordinance, second by Riley. Mayor Serena will contact Grundy County, who publishes the required notice naming other municipalities in the county. Roll Call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Comm Jensen made motion to transfer $12,000 from the general fund to the IMRF fund. Comm. Hileman mentioned that the IMRF fund is down to around $584 and monthly payments usually amount to around $3,457. He will take a closer look at it in the near future, but this will tide us over until we receive tax revenues. Roll Call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to repeal Section 3.05.370 of the Village Code of Ordinances regarding attorney attendance at council meetings, second by Jensen. The motion was rescinded due to lack of an ordinance to repeal. An ordinance will be prepared for approval at the next meeting and will be an item on the agenda. The ordinance was created by a previous administration that the attorney must be present at every meeting and this has not actually taken place.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing for open session

Comm. Hileman – Regarding the repeal of the attorney attendance at meetings, he added that the mayor, with the board's approval, should make the determination to have the attorney present. Would like to give some thought to do something for business owners in the form of a real estate tax rebate related to sales tax received by the Village.

Comm. Jensen – During the Red Carpet event, the Village allowed the fire department to use our property for the extrication class. At one point, a fire was set in the cars, which is a clear EPA violation and leaves us open to liability. A letter should be drawn up signed by the Mayor, stating that they cease all training on that property until they appear before the board and understand that there is to be no burning.

Comm. Riley – The two replacement swings have been delivered. Fifteen letters have been composed; ten were sent today and five will be sent tomorrow. In addition to Mrs. Pickles comments, Scott Belt has been directed to send a letter to O'Hare Trucking.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – The MFT street maintenance project has been approved by IDOT. The bid letting for the project is set for May 22 at 1:30 p.m. He expects to receive the contracts from Stott by tomorrow, signed and bonded. That work is authorized to go because they have been given a notice of award and once the contracts are received he will give them a notice to proceed.

Clerk Malinowski – A thank you was received from the Tom Poole family. The all-town clean up has been confirmed for June 12 with Heartland; they will handle publishing in *The Paper*.

Mayor Serena – Would like to replace the sidewalks at the Village Hall before the parking lot is done. A letter was received from the Gardner American Legion Auxiliary requesting permission to distribute poppies on May 26. The Mayor will make the donation for the board. Comm. Hileman made motion to grant permission, second by Jensen. Roll Call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion passed.

The Red Carpet event was a great success. Tom and Todd Perkins painted all the Route 66 street emblems with Village supplied paint. Riley handed out the pins on Saturday in his place. The maintenance workers did a good job setting everything up and cleaning up afterward. Thanks to Dan Alexander for organizing the car show.

He wished Ida Schopp a happy birthday. Dean Rankovich presented a tray of cupcakes to Ida because he is unable to attend.

At 7:33 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. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion passed.

At 8:35 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. Roll Call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion passed

It was decided that the attorney will be notified by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before a board meeting once the agenda is set, if his attendance is necessary.

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. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner