VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 22, 2017

Monday, May 22, 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 Engineer Guy Christensen; Village Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of May 8, 2017 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, 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 Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

No public comments were made.

Agenda –

Bid letting for the Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance project was held this afternoon at 1:30 and "D" Construction of Coal City was the lowest bidder at $88,845.43. The finish date is August 15 according to the contract. Christensen pointed out that technically the award takes effect in seven days, a state requirement to allow for them to receive any objections to the bids. Chamlin's office will handle the final approvals but doesn't foresee any problems since the bid is substantially below the approved estimated cost of $125,000. Comm. Hileman made motion to award the bid to "D" Construction, Coal City, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Comm. Jensen made motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Section 3.05.370 of the Gardner Municipal Code Regarding Attorney Attendance at Council Meetings, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – He met some Japanese visitors who were traveling Route 66 when he was at Vino's over the weekend, one of whom had been to Gardner when the diner was still at the Riviera.

He is working on the appropriations and expects to have it by Tuesday, May 30, to be given to the Treasurer for review. When it is done he will distribute to the Board to make any changes or additions, with the intention to have it ready by the first meeting in June. He is adding several items, including $100,000 to Admin for possible demolition of the elevator and increases for sewer/water and attorney bills to bring us back in line to where we are

Comm. Jensen – For the record, the bid award was for Depot Street from Division to Jefferson, the Village Hall parking lot and the parking lot across from Vino's to be blacktopped.

Comm. Riley – O'Hare has been given a date of Saturday, May 27, to comply with everything per Scott Belt's letter. He presented a list of letters sent for grass and vehicles. Pictures have been sent to Scott Belt of Don Reed's property, to move forward with court proceedings since he has not fulfilled his obligation to clean up.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – In regard to the Village Hall sidewalk adjacent to the parking lot, motor fuel tax funds could be used to remove/replace. If it is less than $20,000 he won't have to go through a bid process; he can send in an estimated cost to approve by the state and, if we can find someone to do it for that amount or less, the state will allow you to use motor fuel money. Christensen will examine the sidewalk in front of the bank to determine what would need to be done to repair/replace that section.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – Has received a letter from the new state representative with information regarding a community development block grant, which includes infrastructure. Since we are doing some of that work, he will look into applying for funds. Christensen will contact NCICG

At 7:18 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion passed.

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

The owner of O'Hare was in attendance and said that he is in the process of cleaning up the property and need some direction on what needs to be done to be in compliance.

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: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner