VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 24, 2017

Monday, July 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 James Riley, Rob Wolf, Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Village Engineer Guy Christensen and Village Attorney Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp addressed the Board regarding the Archives. She has received permission from the Board to hold an Open House on August 9 in recognition of having reached five hundred items for the collection, from 1:00 to 3:00 that afternoon. Mrs. Schopp will also have a book signing at the event for those wishing to purchase her soon-to-be published book and she will provide refreshments. She also inquired as to the ownership of the property on Main Street near the railroad tracks, where the sign was uncovered when the trees were cut down. She would like to have the sign repainted for the Church of Hope and already has someone ready to do that once she obtains permission from the owner.

Resident Dan Bell addressed the Board on several subjects. There is a water problem on Center Street behind his property; when there is a heavy rain there is standing water that doesn't drain, but it does on the other side of the street. Also, there is a truck blocking the view of the railroad tracks at the recycling facility.

Agenda –

Trevor Debelak from Mack & Associates presented the annual audit review for FY 2017. The independent auditor's report issued an unmodified opinion which means that they did not notice any significant misstatements within the financial statements; they gave a clean bill of health on the financial statements for the year. All of the items on the comment letter have been addressed. Comm. Hileman stated that we will be redoing our internal audit. Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the audit, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bids were reviewed for sidewalk/curb improvements, with D Construction the lowest bidder and Anderson Concrete the next lowest. Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the D Construction bid of $19,458.50, to be paid from Motor Fuel Tax funds. Roll call - Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to proceed with the water tower cleaning by Liquid Engineering at a cost of $3,155 plus $300 for a digital formal written report, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pam Coughlin was listed on the agenda but cancelled earlier in the day.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Asked that the commissioners check their mail boxes for a copy of the ICC Main Street Crossing – Village Memorandum of Law. The Village has until August 21 to respond to the memorandum filed by the county and the county has until August 21 to file a reply to our memorandum.

Comm. Hileman – Added comments regarding the ownership of the sign Mrs. Schopp was referring to. The Village does not own the property and cannot make any decisions regarding the sign. Dean Rankovich stated that he is the owner of the sign and it was part of the deal when he bought the restaurant. The Mayor will contact the owner of the property to find out what they would like to do with it.

Comm. Jensen – Nothing to report

Comm. Riley – Asked Attorney Belt about the status of Don Reed's case.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing further.

Engineer Christensen – All but 60 feet of the storm sewer is completed. Unfortunately, it is the area in the middle across from the ATT building. There will be no connection until ATT moves the line out of the way, they expect to be in there before the middle of August.

He will contact D Construction to let them know that the sidewalk work needs to be done before they start the asphalt work.

Clerk Malinowski – John Hernandez submitted his resignation from the Planning & Zoning Board effective July 11.

Mayor Serena – Had some further comments regarding the storm sewer project as far as finishing the project. There were a few issues from the recent storms that generated over 4" of rainfall.

Mr. Bell had further comments. First, the containers at the recycling business block view of the railroad tracks. Secondly, the state needs to clean the area near the interstate interchange. Last, he would like the Village to look into making this a quiet zone for the railroad, especially at night.

The Mayor commented that it is tough to go through the process and Comm. Hileman added that barricades would have to be constructed at all of the crossings to prevent traffic from going around the gates. Also, it took almost eleven months to get ditches cleaned around Route 53.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Riley, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner