VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2017

Monday, August 14, 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, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present was Village Engineer Guy Christensen; Village Attorney Scott Belt was not present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

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

The Treasurer's Report for July was presented. Comm. Wolf moved to approve the report as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp reported that on August 9, an Open House for the Archives was held, along with a signing event for her book. She thanked the Board for allowing her to use the board room for the occasion.

Resident Don Phillips presented items to Ida for the Archives – a copy of her book and a campaign poster of Israel Dudgeon, his great-grandfather, who was a State of Illinois Representative in the early 1900s.

Resident Mike Pokornicki addressed the Board regarding notification to realtors about houses for sale that should be condemned. He also expressed his concerns regarding the audit and Village checking accounts, and stated that he would like to see cancelled checks. Comm. Hileman responded that he

A representative from Grundy County gave the Sheriff's Report.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Tim Hill to fill the Planning & Zoning Board vacancy, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to give permission to the Church of Hope to use the park behind Rub Ford for services on Sunday, August 27, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

In response to comments made at the last meeting, resident Don Phillips gave an emotional account of an occasion when his father, as Grundy county sheriff, was involved in the identification of a boy who was hit by a train. His position is that he will fight any attempt to make Gardner a "no horn" zone. Comm. Hileman made the comment that he had made some calls and learned that it is almost impossible to get a 'no horn" zone with the high speed trains in operation.

A representative from the Knights of Columbus requested permission to solicit donations for their annual fund drive September 15-17. Comm. Jensen made motion to grant approval,

second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Has received a letter from our TIF attorney regarding Governor Rauner's Amendatory veto of the Education Funding Bill which will affect school districts, resulting in less money available from TIF.

Comm. Jensen – Requested a status from Guy Christensen on the sidewalks/curbs project.

Comm. Riley – Will be sending letters regarding grass violations and is also collecting bids for the elevator demolition.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Engineer Christensen – Needs to get TIF percentage numbers for the Stott bill. Hileman stated that the bill could be paid tomorrow if Christensen gets the numbers. Comm. Hileman made motion, with second by Riley, to attach the Stott bill to the payment of bills as listed, and the motion passed with all voting Aye. The concrete work is expected to be done the week of August 21.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Cautioned residents to be careful and watch for children because school is starting.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner