VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2017

Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:15 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, Terry Jensen, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Commissioners Dick Hileman and Rob Wolf. Also present was Village Engineer Guy Christensen. Village Attorney Scott Belt was not present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of August 28, 2017 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Riley moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp addressed the Board regarding the sign at the railroad tracks on Main Street. She has talked to the painter (ConMan), Pastor Jan, and Barb Phillips to have the sign repainted for the Church of Hope but a plaque will be affixed to the sign, designating it as property of the Archives. The area surrounding the sign must be cleaned up first and the property owner will provide a letter regarding liability, which the Church will sign off on.

A representative from Grundy County Sheriff's office presented a report for the month of August.

Agenda –

The Fire Department is holding a fund raiser dinner. They have requested permission to go door-to-door to sell tickets and distribute smoke detector batteries within the Village. Comm. Riley made motion with a second by Jensen. No solicitor's permit or fees will be required, this is merely a courtesy. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Jensen – Asked when striping will be done since paving has been completed. Christensen replied that it will be started tomorrow (Tuesday, September 12) at 7:00 a.m. Confirmed that the drain problem on Depot Street was resolved.

Comm. Riley – Enquired whether anyone knew the outcome of the September 8 Ohare court case. Gratziana was to submit a plan to the Village by this date, but has not done so. Some clean-up has been started but there is quite a lot more to do. Their attorney asked for a continuance and it was granted by the judge. Comm. Riley then returned his Village Hall key to the Village Clerk and requested that it be recorded in the minutes.

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Engineer Christensen – Sidewalks and paving are completed. Striping will be done tomorrow. Mayor Serena verified the locations and sizes of the handicapped spots.

Contacts have been made regarding testing for asbestos and possible lead paint on the elevator property. Started on specifications, which will be adjusted based on findings from the testing and then submitted to the board when ready to put out to bid.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – D Construction completed the sidewalks, scraping and paving in a timely fashion. There was some inconvenience to downtown businesses but they were notified in advance. Sidewalks along Center Street at the Village Hall were damaged by D Construction when scraping the lot and will be replaced at no cost to the Village.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Jensen, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner