VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2017

Monday, September 25, 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, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Commissioners Dick Hileman and Terry Jensen. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Robert Schmude. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of September 11, 2017 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Mayor Serena. Pass: Wolf. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

None

Agenda –

Austin Taylor of North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) gave a presentation of the organization, which provides assistance to municipalities with various services such as obtaining grants and other available government funding. There are also some avenues for reimbursement for demolition of buildings.

With a motion by Comm. Riley and seconded by Wolf, the Fall Clean Up was scheduled for October 23. Clerk Malinowski will contact the refuse company to set up and arrange for publication in *The Paper*. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resident Ed Scrogham addressed the board suggesting that anyone who wants to, might donate the amount of their normal water bill to the Gardner Fire Department if the Village provides the free water in December as it has in recent years. The Mayor stated that the Village would not have a way to collect the funds from residents and then donate it to the fire department, but it would be a nice gesture if anyone wanted to do it. He asked Mr. Scrogham if he would take on the project.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing for open session

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – The water tower did not get cleaned due to a safety issue, but he is working on getting it done before the end of the year.

Engineer Schmude – Street maintenance projects are completed and came in under bid. The storm sewer project is completed. Testing has been done of the elevator property in anticipation of the demolition project and a small amount of asbestos was found around the

chutes. Some lead paint was found around the windows of the office building which will need to be captured and cleaned. The public bid will be advertised on Chamlin's website and in the Morris Paper on October 5 and 12, with a mandatory pre-bid meeting on October 10, and bid opening on October 17. Comm. Wolf made motion to proceed as proposed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – A group of bicyclists came through and stopped at the American Legion over the weekend. Many visitors are coming through on the Route 66 tour.

At 7:22 p.m. Comm. Wolf 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, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion passed.

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

Attorney Belt requested that Comm. Riley send him a copy of the letter that Riley sent to All About You Flea Market regarding merchandise stuff

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: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner