**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
**October 9, 2017**

Monday, October 9, 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 were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of September 25, 2017 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Riley, Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen, Hileman. 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 Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Public Comments** –

Resident Ida Schopp announced that the Archives would be open on Wednesday from l:00 to 3:00 and guests are expected. She presented a photograph of a baseball team, the Gardner Stars of 1901, which hung in the bank for years. She has observed that work is being done to clean up around the sign. Trunk or treat will be held at the Church of Hope on Halloween, same hours as the village. She still has a few books available for sale.

Resident Sharon Pickles remarked that Ed Scrogham's suggestion at the last meeting, that residents donate the amount of their normal water bill to the Fire Department, if the Village provides free water in December, was misquoted in the newspaper. The paper stated that the Village would not give free water to residents but, instead, donate it directly to the fire department.

**Agenda –**

With a motion by Comm. Jensen and second by Wolf, Trick or Treat hours on Halloween were set at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business was presented.

**Reports –**

**Atty. Belt** – An amendment to the statute that increased the contract amount from $20,000 to $25,000 as the new threshold for competitive bidding for public improvements. Any projects in excess of $10,000 require bid specifications to be approved by council.

The Ferrari case has been concluded with a court appearance last week and he has paid his reimbursement to the Village for attorney's fees on a court order.

**Comm. Hileman** – Will be transferring funds to pay D Construction on the Motor Fuel Tax projects. Statements have been received and we need to check into CDAP Loan fund. We have been duplicate billed from Com Ed and Dynergy which needs to be investigated.

**Comm. Jensen** – A double fee has been paid for the permit for the demolition of the former Leah Christensen house because a permit was not applied for prior to the demolition.

**Comm. Riley** – Nothing to report

**Comm. Wolf –** Liquid Engineering showed up on a Saturday to clean the water tower but did not perform the work due to a safety issue. Hileman said that Brad had called them but no one has returned the call yet. Wolf will wait a short time to hear from them, otherwise will seek bids from other companies.

**Engineer Christensen** – Pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, at the elevator for the demolition project.

**Clerk Malinowski** – Homewood Disposal has been contacted and confirmed the Clean Up Day for October 23. A copy of the newspaper ad has been received.

**Mayor Serena** – Asked that residents be considerate of neighbors when burning leaves. Repairs have been started on the salt shed.

At 7:15 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:34 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board directed Attorney Belt to contact Jeff Adducci, AT&T External Affairs, to resolve the permit issue regarding liability for possible damage on their boring project. Our position is that we want AT&T to accept responsibility for any damages for a period of one year after completion of the project, since damage to water/sewer may not show up immediately.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner