VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2017

Monday, October 23, 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 Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioner Terry Jensen was absent. Also present were Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Guy Christensen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of October 9, 2017 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, 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 but hold the attorney's bill for further review because he had just received it, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Tom Perkins addressed the board regarding lack of electricity in the jail. Power is available outside the jail but not inside. Maintenance cannot locate the reason for the malfunction, but Mayor Serena said we would have someone in to look at it.

Resident Kori Speed presented a photograph of the GSW Area Band from their Washington, D.C., to the Village in appreciation of their financial and moral support given to the program.

Agenda –

The lowest bidder on the Grain Facility Demolition, Glynn Demolition at $38,475, did not meet all of the requirements of the bid. Therefore, Comm. Hileman made motion, with a second by Riley, that Glynn Demolition failed to comply with the requirements for Workers Compensation Liability Insurance and did not comply with Gardner Resolution No. R99-227 and Resolution R08-001 regarding Responsible Bidder Certification in relation to providing an apprenticeship program, and consequently should be deemed irresponsible. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A discussion took place regarding issues that arose during recent bids. It was also suggested revisiting our Responsible Bidder Certification requirement in response to a complaint received by Comm. Hileman.

After determining that the deadline in the contract for the demolition is December 30, Comm. Hileman made motion to award the bid to the next lowest bidder, D Construction at $44,000, as long we they comply with all bid conditions, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf. Pass: Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to deny a donation to GSW High School for their Orange and Black Night, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf. Nays: Serena. Motion carried. The Mayor offered to place the request on the cable channel.

The remaining agenda item regarding the liquor license for Vino's has been resolved and therefore was not addressed.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Requested a short closed session at the end of the meeting.

AT&T has provided a copy of the ordinance from 1991 which is still in effect as no notice of termination has been uncovered and has not been re-negotiated. He feels that the Village is not adequately protected under that agreement and has not been contacted by their legal counsel. He suggested adopting an ordinance that regulates all construction within public rights-of-way that can be presented to any company requesting a permit. He offered to prepare an ordinance, but Mayor Serena said that the Village would research what other municipalities have done.

Comm. Hileman – At the last meeting he talked about the light bills and the possibility that the Village is being double charged. We have a new energy company who has been billing us for the power and Com Ed was billing us for the delivery charges and taxes. They assured him that this should be corrected by November or December, and we will receive only one bill.

We do have $72,000 in the CDAP fund which was a block grant that came through the U.S. Department of Housing Development established in 1974. The time limit has run out and that grant money is now ours. The rules under the federal housing authority no longer apply, but are subject to the state of Illinois guidelines.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – There are several people he will talk to regarding vehicle and camper issues.

Comm. Wolf – Would like to get bids together for next year for roads we might like to get done for the ongoing sewer project. We are about 90% done on the water lines.

Engineer Christensen – Nothing further.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – Received reports regarding clean-up day for items that were not acceptable and were not picked up. The back wall of the salt shed has been completely finished.

At 7:45 p.m. Comm. Hileman 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. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:12 p.m. Comm. Riley made motion to reconvene, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner