VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 27, 2017

Monday, November 27, 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, Dick Hileman, and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Terry Jensen was absent. Also present was Village Engineer Guy Christensen and Village Attorney Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of November 13, 2017 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, 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. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Tom Perkins thanked the Board for allowing the Route 66 group to use the board room after the Riviera sign dedication, and those who attended and cleaned up. Also for the recognition of the Perkins at the tree lighting.

Bill Gratzianna addressed the Board regarding his pending court case. He has not received a clear response on the proposal he submitted, nor on his fence permit. Belt reported that he had spoken to Mr. Gratzianna's attorney twice and to Mr. Gratizianna as well, making them aware that the Board has considered his action plan. The Village's current position is that the storage of vehicles has to occur on the property currently zoned M-1 south of the existing building. A fence would be appropriate surrounding that M-1 storage facility. There would be no long-term storage on the B-2 property; the only storage-type items that would be that related to the typical short term tow, auto accident, mechanical repair type activities and limited to a 30-day window. The drawing which accompanied the permit application showed the proposed fence on the B-2 area and, again, long-term storage would not be allowed according to the code. Gratzianna replied that he moved the vehicles in question immediately and thought he would be able to put the fence to the east of the building and asked for clarification. He asked for the case to be dismissed because he does not have a clear indication on what needs to be done. Gratzianna indicated that the area in question had been a storage area when there previously was a building to the east of the current building and this was between the two buildings. There would be no access to the M-1 parcel.

Belt reviewed the fencing height limitations in each zone and reiterated that storage is only permitted on the M-1 parcel. There is a court date of December 8 and Gratzianna stated that he would have everything done before then. Belt said that there would have to be a dismissal order, it doesn't just go away. Belt will check on fencing requirements for the M-1 section.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 (Ord. 008-2017), second by Riley. This is the same as it has been the last several years, $73,200. Belt asked if there has been a calculation done on compliance with truth in taxation act; Hileman stated that Mack confirmed that we are in the clear. Roll call: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve prizes of $100, $75 and $50 paid from the gambling fund for the holiday decorating contest to be determined on December 22, second by Wolf. Roll call: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman moved to approve the schedules for the Council Meetings and the Planning & Zoning Board for 2018, second by Riley. Mayor Serena pointed out to keep in mind that

November 6 (P & Z meeting) is election day and there might be some activity in town. Roll call: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman moved to approve the Ordinance Regarding Construction of Utility Facilities in Rights-of-Way (Ord. 009-2017) with one change to section 9.40.04, to register with the Village rather than the Village Engineer, second by Riley. Roll call: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. The ordinance takes effect 10 days from date of publication.

Comm. Hileman moved to approve the ordinance approving the issuance of a loan from Community Development Assistance Program revolving loan fund to Every Buddies Pub and Grub, Inc. (Ord. 010-2017), second by Riley. Roll call: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. (The total amount of the loan is $70,000, at 3.25% interest over a period of 15 years, less title fees, recording fees and attorney fees of $874, net $69,126.00).

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – CDAP is no longer run by the housing authority out of Washington and is now under to requirements of the state of Illinois. He would like to disband the committee and any future loans would be up to the Village Board. Belt suggested to make it an agenda item for the next board meeting.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Roots are growing in the playground area and Maintenance will take care of cutting them out.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Guy Christensen – Demolition of the elevator will take place after the first of the year. The contractor has applied for an IDOT permit and is waiting for it. Survey for the water main project kicked off today. A mid-winter bid for a spring start is expected.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Read a Proclamation regarding the bicentennial of the State of Illinois. There will be a flag-raising ceremony at noon on Sunday, December 3. Coffee and donuts will be served afterwards.

There was a nice crowd at the tree lighting and he thanked those who participated by providing services and decorating. Mrs. Ida Schopp reported that $4,060 was raised from the Festival of Trees.

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, Jensen, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk