VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2017

Monday, December 11, 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 Engineer Guy Christensen and Village Attorney Chris Dearth. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of November 27, 2017 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Pass: Jensen. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp reported that funds from the Festival of Trees would be used toward a town clock and she requested permission from the Board to put it on the property where the Gazebo is located because electricity would be available. The Mayor and Comm. Hileman suggested some optional locations. The clock will be on a post and two-sided, and the company will take care of all maintenance. They are working with Verdin Clock Company of Ohio to obtain pricing and should have more information by the next meeting but are around $10,000.

A representative from Grundy County presented the Sheriff's Department Report for November. Comm. Jensen mentioned that he has seen activity around the elevator and asked that they keep an eye on the property.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to disband the CDAP committee, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. The two remaining members have resigned and we no longer have to file papers with Springfield since the funds now belong to the Village.

Comm. Riley moved to withdraw from GEDC (Grundy County Economic Development), second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Riley. Nays: Wolf, Mayor Serena. Motion carried. Riley made the point that we are not receiving any return on our investment. .

Comm. Hileman reported that there is $1,029.42 in the scrap fund, from which bonuses are paid to Village employees. In 2012, $500 total was paid; $525 in 2013; $375 in 2014; $425 in 2015; and $175 in 2016. Hileman made motion to pay Christmas bonuses of $100 for full time Village employees and $75 for part time, second by Riley. Roll call: Ayes: Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: Wolf, Jensen, Riley. Motion failed. No bonuses will be paid. Comm. Jensen requested that this item will be on the next meeting's agenda to revisit.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Dearth – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – Reported power savings of roughly $44,800 in 2014-17 due to Nimec.

Suggested a $50 gift card or some other sort of offer to the remaining members of the CDAP committee who served for a long time. It will be an item for consideration on the next meeting agenda.

Hileman made motion to pay the storm sewer bill to A & E Septic Service, and any other bills due before the next meeting in January, second by Riley. Roll call: Ayes: Wolf, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen. Motion carried.

The bank will no longer send paper statements. Kaitlyn must go online and run statements every month now.

Comm. Jensen – Nothing to report

Comm. Riley – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Guy Christensen – Nothing to report

Clerk Malinowski – Several residents expressed thanks for free water.

Mayor Serena – He has found a source for light poles and is looking further into it.

A flag-raising ceremony was held on Sunday, December 3, for the bicentennial of Illinois and refreshments were served afterwards. Participation was larger than expected and turned out to be a nice social event.

Since this is the last meeting of the year, he wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Riley, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk