VILLAGE BOARD MEETING - Amended
January 8, 2018

Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present were Village Engineer Guy Christensen and Village Attorney Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of James Trager, Mayor of Marseilles.

The minutes of December 11, 2017 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, and 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 Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp addressed the Board regarding the status of the town clock. She was under the impression that funds from previous festivals of trees were available to use for that project. Mayor Serena pointed out that the first two festivals were earmarked for the purpose of the parks fund and only the most recent one was advertised to be used for a clock.

Resident Don Phillips addressed the Board regarding his feelings about the train horns. He offered to present a draft ordinance at a future meeting for the Board's consideration to require Gardner to continue the practice of trains sounding horns. He also gave several arguments to support his position.

A representative from Grundy County presented the Sheriff's Department Report for December.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to adopt the Sexual Harassment Ordinance mandated by the State of Illinois, amended to include a requirement of publication in pamphlet form and effective ten days after publication (as noted by Atty. Belt), second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the purchase park equipment from Play & Park Structures at the cost of $5,041.05 (includes a 20% discount and shipping), second by Riley. One piece of equipment will be placed in the park behind the bank and one in the park behind Rub Ford. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Comm. Hileman made motion to a gift of a $50 gift certificate to each of the last two CDAP committee members in appreciation of their service, second by Wolf. Funds are to be paid from the scrap fund. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Comm. Riley made motion to withdraw from the Grundy County Animal Control Contract, second by Hileman. The current proposed contract is in the amount of $3,687.92. Riley presented figures from the November report which were questioned by Jensen. Hileman is in the process of researching costs to other municipalities. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley. Nays: Wolf, Mayor Serena. Motion carried

Comm. Jensen moved to pay holiday bonuses of $200 to full time employees and $150 for the part time employee from the scrap fund, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Riley, Wolf. Pass: Hileman. Nays: Mayor Serena. Motion carried

Comm. Hileman made motion to allocate funds of $400,000 total, $200,000 from the General fund and $200,000 from TIF, for the 2018 water project, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Mayor Serena announced the appointment of Joel Maxard to the position of Electrical Inspector. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the appointment, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – He has once again been contacted regarding the status of the stormwater ordinance. He responded that the Village is currently in a holding pattern.

Comm. Hileman – Reported that the Village currently has roughly $2,890,000 in the bank with approximately $100,000 in bills to be paid. Asked where we are with O'Hare and Belt indicated he was going to talk about it in closed session.

Comm. Jensen – Requested a status from Belt regarding the sidewalk issue with the railroad. Belt replied that there is a motion pending with the ICC.

Comm. Riley – Had received a complaint letter regarding unplated vehicles at Jackson and Main. He talked to the residents and all of them have been removed. There is another property on Pine Street with a couple of cars and the resident said they would be gone by the end of the week.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Guy Christensen – Nothing new to report. Regarding the railroad horns, only one complaint has been received by the Mayor. Comm. Wolf stated that he asked his daughter about the issue and she thought it was "crazy." Hileman said that his vote would be no because it would be another safety net for the Village. Demolition of the elevator is expected to begin in February or when there is a break in the weather.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Announced the decorating contest winners: first place – Rick & Donna Marketti, second – Cali Perkins, third – Duane and Donna Lewis. Also wanted to commend the maintenance workers for keeping the roads cleared and salted.

At 7:47 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS120/2(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried

At 8:41 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, 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. Hileman, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk