VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2018

Monday, January 22, 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 Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf, Terry Jensen and Mayor Mike Serena. Also present was Village Engineer Casey McCollom; Attorney Scott Belt was not in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 8, 2018 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed. Comm. Jensen pointed out that a sentence was missing under Comm. Hileman's report and amended the motion to approve the minutes with correction, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Jensen, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

No public comments were offered.

Agenda –

Susan Gale, Director, Grundy County Animal Control addressed the Board regarding the formula to calculate the contract and their procedures for handling complaints along with written information.

Comm. Hileman brought up incidents from the past and asked about outcomes of those complaints. Also, the monthly reports that we receive do not show the number of animals taken. Hileman spoke to Ms. Gale last year regarding the contract amount. He had also talked to other communities in Grundy County to find out what they are paying. Hileman asked whether the number of patrols could be reduced. Gale explained that the number is set up on the contract based on population. Hileman pointed out that the proposed contract is one-sided and requested that we negotiate a different contract. Gale replied that she would take it to her committee and if it passes there, it would go to the county board.

She also outlined the services provided by Animal Control, the protocol for dog bites and other investigations, and reported on results of prior year complaints. She explained that the reason for Coal City's different contract is that they have a police department that handles calls.

A possibly more detailed monthly report was discussed which might include the source of the call or a copy of the dispatch sheet.

Riley questioned the arrangement with calls in rural areas and Gale explained that Grundy County Animal Control is a county agency which services and has jurisdiction in the rural areas.

Hileman requested that she go back to the committee to ask if they are willing to sit down and negotiate or change the contract, and get back to us with their response.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – He has talked to Guy Christensen regarding payment of the final bill for the blacktop. We are awaiting the okay from the state of Illinois. Comm. Hileman made motion to make payment to D Construction when the approval is received, second by Riley. Roll call –

Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Jensen – Nothing to report.

Comm. Riley – Contract signed for playground equipment.

Comm. Wolf – Contacted by Preferred Tank & Tower out of Henderson, Kentucky, regarding water tower cleaning and he is requesting a quote.

Casey McCollom –Demolition of the elevator is expected to begin in February or when there is a break in the weather. Water permits have been signed for the upcoming project. Hileman would like to have the bid done on February.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – The Route 66 Red Carpet event will be one day only this year, to be held on Saturday, May 5. The all town clean-up will be held after the garage sales.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Jensen, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk