VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2018

Monday, February 12, 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, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Terry Jensen. Also present was Village Engineer Casey McCollom; Attorney Scott Belt was not in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 12, 2018 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, 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 Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report for January was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to hold approval on the Treasurers Report due to a CDAP loan payment entered in TIF, second by Wolf. Correction will be made and an amended report will be presented at the next meeting. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

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

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman moved to table the Animal Control contract discussion because Comm. Jensen was not present, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resident Mary T. Anderson addressed the Board regarding Mr. Holt keeping trucks on property zoned residential. Comm. Hileman referred to a court case regarding a resident who had a semi parked on what was thought to be city property and it was determined that the street had not been deeded to the village. The Mayor agreed to look into the ordinances and provide her with a copy.

Resident Bonnita L. Crosetto addressed the Board regarding residential property Holt Trucking is using as a junk yard for trucks and feels that no one on the Board seems to care. Once again, the Mayor offered to look into the ordinances and provide her with a copy.

Resident Joe Schultz addressed the Board regarding a water leak that he had between his house and the buffalo box. He had the line replaced but received a water bill of around $2,000. Approximately 350,000 gallons of water had run through the meter but there was no standing water. Comm. Hileman reported that the Village was pumping around 220,000 gallons a day – about 75,000 over normal – and we knew we had some leaks but didn't know where they were. Jim Schultz, Joe's father, argued that the area was dry, there was no evidence of a leak in the basement or the yard, the plumber said that the meter was bad, and he had requested that the meter be changed. The Mayor stated that as long as the water went through the meter they would be billed for it, a rebate was given on the sewer portion and he suggested a payment plan, which is what the policy states and is offered to any other resident who has a leak.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Has some CDs coming due at the bank.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Will be sending some letters out tomorrow.

The playground equipment has shipped and is expected to be delivered in the next day or so.

Comm. Wolf – Has received a quote from Preferred Tank & Tower out of Henderson, Kentucky, to inspect the water tank for $1,000. It was given to the Mayor for his signature.

Casey McCollom – Gave an update on the upcoming water project. The bid will be coming out February 15 with bid opening at 10:00 a.m. on March 7. The engineering estimates are not yet finalized. Comm. Hileman reported that $400,000 has been allocated - $200,000 from TIF and $200,000 from the general fund.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – It was estimated that snowfall over the weekend was around 14 inches. Our maintenance department kept up and we are in better shape than most other towns in the area. The Route 66 Red Carpet event will be one day only this year, to be held on Saturday, May 5. Comm. Hileman made motion that the Village will promote the Route 66 Red Carpet event as we have done in the past, including painting and signage along the route, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk