VILLAGE BOARD MEE-TING
March 12, 2018

Monday, March 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Hileman called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call – Commissioners, James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Mayor Serena and Comm. Terry Jensen were absent. Also present was Village Engineer Robert Schmude; Attorney Scott Belt was not in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 26, 2018 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The Treasurers Report for February was presented. Comm. Riley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Rich Balcom asked the Board for an update on the water problem in their yard and alley. At the last meeting, Comm. Jensen agreed to look into the problem but has not contacted them.

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

Agenda –

Bid results for the 2018 Watermain Improvement Project were presented, with Brandt Excavating the lowest at $461,901.80. Comm. Riley made motion to accept and award the project to Brandt Excavating of Morris, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Wolf moved to approve the transfer of $100,000 -- $50,000 from TIF and $50,000 from the general fund – toward the Watermain Project, which will total $500,000 for the project, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Riley made motion to donate $50.00 each to Casey's and the American Legion from the video gaming fund for their Easter Egg Hunts, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The recommendation for a variance on garage height was returned to the Planning & Zoning Board due to an Illinois statute requirement for a public hearing.

Resident Gino Cesario addressed the Board regarding a community center for kids. He proposed renting one of the empty buildings in the downtown area. He is not requesting funds from the Village, but plans to apply for grants or raise funds to pay the rent, and renovate and furnish the space. Comm. Hileman reviewed pros and cons of his plan but advised him that the Village is limited on what it can do. He asked to get together with Comm. Riley after the meeting to discuss possibilities.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – He has moved three CDs totaling around $250,000 at 1.3% for 12 months.

For any JULIE locates that are requested for Nicor or ATT, we are to reply by fax or email that we will not do the locate until they get a permit.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – The elevator and grain bins are out completely. He has talked to Mayor Serena and when concrete work is being done, we will also be using the concrete for the new park equipment installation. He has sent out nine letters to start some spring clean up. He is also posting a letter citing the four main ordinances regarding grass, trailers, cars, and nuisance properties, requesting cooperation from Gardner residents. He questioned why D Construction did not use the dirt from the storm sewer project to fill in the elevator. It was learned that it was in the bid to fill in with black dirt. The former Royal Blue store is his next project to get cleaned up.

Comm. Wolf – Water tower inspection is scheduled for March 27 and there will be no water shut down in the Village.

The gas meter has been removed on the Holt property. There is a chunk of concrete missing on the apron which was filled in with rocks. Comm. Hileman informed him that it is Nicor's responsibility to patch it.

Robert Schmude – We should have all permits for the Water Main including IEPA, water, sewer and IDOT within the next four weeks and it is their intention to begin work as soon as permits are issued.

Clerk Malinowski – All town garage sales are June 1-2 and all town clean up has been scheduled for June 4. The refuse company will have it published in *The Paper* May 14. We will also print a message on the water bills.

Mayor Serena – Absent

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, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk