VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2018

Monday, June 11, 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 James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Absent: Dick Hileman, Terry Jensen. Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer were also in attendance. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of May 14, 2018 were presented. Comm. Riley made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Mayor Serena. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Pass: Wolf. 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 Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Mike Pokornicki addressed the Board regarding "Article 13, section 1" but was unable to explain what was meant.

Agenda –

Residents Sandra Lucca/Gary Kuster addressed the Board requesting the original setback to be grandfathered in for fences/wall on structures beside her property. Attorney Belt explained that he knows of no process to seek a variance on her neighbor's property. When zoning codes were established around 1970 the setbacks were at that time grandfathered in or, also called a legally non-conforming use, for structures/fences but ended if the structure was damaged, destroyed or removed or rebuilt, but cannot be added on to or made any bigger. Ms. Lucca said that her neighbor had threatened her and she had called Grundy County. The officer was unable to do anything because the she was not specifically named in the threat. Belt informed her that the Village is unable to get involved in neighbors' disputes and advised her to continue to call the Grundy County Sheriff with any future incidents.

Comm. Riley made motion to accept the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation associated with the application for a building height variance for a detached accessory building with a height of 17.75 feet for a variance of 2.75 feet, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Riley made motion to approve the resolution authorizing Dibble Enterprises to apply for a permit from IDOT authorizing certain work within the corporate boundaries of the Village, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Wolf moved to approve the resolution requesting a permit for the work related to the 2018 Watermain project across IL Route 53, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – A solar farm has been proposed by Cypress Creek just south of Rt. 53 and just west of Coster Road. He has reviewed the county code for solar farms and the zoning approval process has many steps to it. The site is a 30-acre parcel within 1½ miles of the Village limits. There are two circumstances where the Village has jurisdiction outside of its corporate limits out

to a point 1½ miles beyond the corporate boundary. One is for planning purposes and the other for filing a petition for subdivision approval. If they are going to separate out a parcel and designate that as a buildable property for purposes of a solar farm on the county's books and decides not to go through a formal subdivision process, the Village is not going to be able to exercise their extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Village would only have jurisdiction if there is a subdivision associated with the farm. The Village would not receive any tax revenue from the solar farm, however, the fire district and the school district would.

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Grass mowing letters have been sent. The majority have received them and a couple have asked for extensions, and he agreed as long as progress is made.

Comm. Wolf – Still waiting on quote for water tower service. We are now dealing with another person in the office and it should be another week.

Casey McCollom – A "hands-on guy" has not been determined as yet for the watermain project.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Asked Casey about the latest on Main Street. Dates are not available yet as there have been delays because of the rains.

At 7:58 p.m. Comm. Wolf made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)11 of The Open Meetings Act, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:32 p.m. Comm. Riley made motion to reconvene, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, 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. Riley, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk