VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2018

Monday, September 24, 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 Rob Wolf, Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, and Mayor Mike Serena were present. Comm. James Riley was absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was also present. Village Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of September 10, 2018 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, 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, with the exception of a Brandt bill which was paid to Chamlin in error, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Tom Perkins reported that the Diner Car had been painted by a group of Route 66 preservation people and thanked the Village for leaving the maintenance garage open for washroom facilities to be used. The door was also painted and the lights are on in the jail. He asked if a light can be installed in the Schlitz sign.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to set Halloween Trick or Treat hours at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Wolf moved to set the All Town Clean Up for November 12, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Village Clerk will contact Heartland Disposal to set it up and also make sure to put the information on the cable channel.

Comm. Hileman made motion to grant a water and sewer hook-up easement as part of the 2018 watermain project on the south side of the lot on the Quinlan property, second by Wolf. If a house or is built on the property, the Village will provide a one-time free water and sewer hook-up. When the easement is filed with Grundy County, this will become part of the deed. Engineer McCollom will proceed with the easement. The agreement is being made with the current owner and goes with the property. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resident Michael Pokornicki addressed the Board, stating that he would blame the Village if the trees fall on his house, because of the way the trees were cut. Damage was done to the fascia when the trees were cut and he would like it to be fixed.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – The core samples have not yet been received for the salt brine tank. If they are not contaminated, it will not be as much as we thought. But if they are it could be around $40,000-55,000. He will get together with Comm. Wolf in the next week or so to look at a couple of more projects for next year.

Comm. Jensen – After his report last meeting regarding J & R, the Mayor stopped and met with him to express our concerns. It was clear at the time Mayor Serena stopped, and Jeff admitted

that from time to time he does bring something in, but it normally doesn't last very long. He appreciated that the Mayor talked to him rather than sending a letter.

Comm. Riley – Absent

Comm. Wolf – He will meet with Hileman regarding the future water projects.

Casey McCollom – The north side of the water project is done, all services are on the new main. The alley west of Center has been completed as far as pipe in the ground. The crew is working east of Center, fill and chlorinate that once both sides are completed. At that point they will move to work on 53 and Campus to get that done before they start on Jackson. They are on schedule and it looks to be another month and a half. If there are any open areas at Halloween, they will steel plate all holes.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – He stopped at the Diner Car when the work was being done. In the future, the wooden fascia will need to be replaced. The back corner needs some restoration work, but that will take quite a bit of time. Tom Perkins pointed out that there was no cost to the Village. The door and steps were repainted and looks fresh.

Resident Don Phillips reported that $375 was collected by the Knights of Columbus in less than three hours.

Mayor Serena acknowledged that it was good to see Ida Schopp back at the meeting. She mentioned that the Church of Hope will once again hold the Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Jensen, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk