VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 8, 2018

Monday, October 8, 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, Dick Hileman, James Riley, and Mayor Mike Serena were present. Comm. Terry Jensen was absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom arrived at 7:15 p.m. Village Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of September 24, 2018 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Serena. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Pass: Riley. 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 Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

No public comments were offered.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman updated the Board on the donation of property to the Village. So far, the Village has expended $1,500 for the appraisal, $77 for the quitclaim deed, Chicago Title insurance of $717 which total approximately $2,400. The survey should be completed by the end of the week. The Board has approved up to $6,000 in costs to acquire the property, so we are well within the limits. Hopefully, the rest of the intersection will be cleaned up soon.

As an aside, Hileman mentioned that Tom Jacobs is retiring and Herb Klein will take his place as our TIF Administrator.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – The flea market has moved to the Depot Street location and is putting merchandise out on the sidewalk in front, which is Village property. The front of the store is right on the property line and the Village owns that sidewalk. From Curley's down to the end of the street, the buildings are set back, and that four or five foot portion that is set back is their property and they can put things out on their property. The flea market store is a firetrap and a letter should be sent to the fire department to determine whether it is unsafe, or the State fire marshal or our building inspector.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – The trees in front of Dollar General have been cut down. The stumps will be ground down and they will put mulch down to improve the appearance.

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

The landscape business on Parker floods during heavy rains and the only way to improve the situation is to run a possible storm sewer down to East Street, but he would have to pay for that and the storm sewer may be too low. He asked if he could install a catch basin ejector pit and run it into our storm sewer. It is not our right-of-way or easement, it belongs to the State. He could run it through his neighbor's if he got permission, but the Village has no control over that.

There was also a question of the zoning on the property and the charge for garbage on his water bill. The property is zoned residential and therefore he must pay the refuse charge, according to our ordinances. When he purchased the property, the plan was that he would use the building for storage and possibly repairs. Now there are trucks parked out front and he is running a business out of the facility.

Last week there was a fire in East Brooklyn. Brad got a call that someone was getting water out near the high school. Brad told them to shut them off and he went down there. We were about a foot or two from a boil order. Hileman went to talk to the fire chief and was told that Braceville was late and the tower at South Wilmington is not that good. They took more than one load. The fire department has been put on restrictions on taking water – they should be taking water from the wells and not use treated water for other towns. If the fire is here in town they are allowed to use our water.

Casey McCollom – The watermain project is working toward the end of East Street. Waiting on an IDOT permit, there has been a personnel change. Hopefully, results will be done in a week or two. Once the results come back clear, they will start doing services; once service is connected, they will start to disconnect the old line and take that out of service. Once all the service disconnections are done, they will start on restorations beginning with the alley. Pavement patch will be done the end of next week depending on weather. The easement with the language will be finalized.

On the record of surveying, fieldwork is underway at the donation property. Most of the points need to be reset.

Clerk Malinowski – All-town clean up has been confirmed with the refuse company. We will put it on the water bills and cable station.

Mayor Serena – We're getting into the fall season and we will surely be getting complaints about people burning leaves, but we are allowed to burn yard waste generated from our property.

Watermain holes need to be covered if work extends to Halloween, just to be safe.

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. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk