VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 22, 2018

Monday, October 22, 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 were present. Comm. Terry Jensen was absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was present. Village Attorney Scott Belt was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout John Pitkin in honor of Don Berglund. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Don.

The minutes of October 8, 2018 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, 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. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Ida Schopp reported that she, Linda Tyler and Pat Malinowski were invited to give a presentation on the Gardner Archives at the Coal City Library on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00. She requested permission to take some of the articles to show. She has also ordered more of her book.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to cancel the November 12 Board Meeting in observance of Veterans Day, since the office is closed that day, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Serena announced that the annual Tree Lighting will be on Sunday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m. The Lions will serve hot chocolate and snacks. Mrs. Shopp also mentioned that the bank will once again hold the Festival of Trees starting November 19. Comm. Hileman asked that a letter be sent to the high school asking to have the band perform, since the Village had made a donation to the school that was given to the band for their Washington trip. Mrs. Schopp added information about the festival of trees at the bank.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – At the November 26 meeting, he intends to allocate more funds to the 2018 watermain project. We have added extra costs to the current project.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Verification of violation letters served by Grundy County has been received today.

Comm. Wolf – Several water and storm sewer projects were discussed for possibly putting out to bid. He would like to hold off on the storm sewer on Grundy and Wilmington. Storm sewer

work needs to be done on Odell and at the post office, down Jefferson then down Elm to Main. The water lines on Dwight from Jackson Street to Pine should be scheduled.

Casey McCollom – The current watermain project is nearing the end. The 4" across Rt. 53 still needs to be done as well as the final restoration.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – A contractor for Union Pacific Railroad damaged seven or eight blocks of the new sidewalk on Division Street. We have documentation on this, photos have been taken and a report made. He has contacted the railroad and has not yet received a return call from the man in charge of the construction, so he will try to go higher up the ladder.

Mayor Serena mentioned the moment of silence for Don Berglund and added the following remarks: Just a few weeks ago he was at the Planning & Zoning Board meeting and he was able to provide some information that Pat needed on an issue. According to our records, he was appointed to the P & Z Board on May 9, 1994, which comes to over 24 years. He also spent 74 years involved with the Boy Scouts.

There were some extremely windy conditions over the weekend and asked that everyone do their best to clean up, especially before Halloween, and asked that everyone keep an eye out for the children.

At 7:17 p.m. Comm. Riley made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)1 of The Open Meetings Act, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:07 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to give the Mayor the authority to seek a second opinion from another attorney regarding the zoning situation at Ohare, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Riley made motion that all inspectors receive approval from Mayor Serena before calling Attorney Scott Belt on Village matters, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, 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. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk