VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 26, 2018

Monday, November 26, 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.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bart Vest.

The minutes of October 22, 2018 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. 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 Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Don Phillips expressed a thank you to the Village Board for supporting the Veteran's Day ceremony and the Tree Lighting.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made a motion to once again offer free water and sewer to Village residents for the tenth year in a row for the bill that is due on December 20, using $16,000 from gambling funds (currently about $22,000) and the remaining $8,000-9,000 from the general fund, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the 2019 fiscal year, second by Wolf. This is the same ordinance that we approved last year; we have not raised taxes in 18-19 years. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Serena moved to approve funds for the holiday decoration contest in the amounts of $100 for first, $75 for second and $50 for third place, to be paid using gambling funds, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Judging will be done on December 22.

Mayor Serena moved to approve a small ceremony for the Illinois Bicentennial on December 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the Village Board room, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mayor Serena will provide a cake, and coffee will be served, so there will be no cost to the Village.

Resident Dennis Baker addressed the Board regarding a neighbor who has a yard business of some sort and is burning yard waste brought in from outside. The fire department has been called, they put out the fire and gave him a verbal warning. He is still bringing in bags and there are about 40 or 50 bags near his burn pile. A letter has been sent and they have been given a copy of the ordinance, but he continues to burn. Dean Rankovich went to his house on the 19th and explained that there is no outside burning. If he does it again, the fire department will be called, they will put it out, and he will be billed. Comm. Hileman suggested that he write a letter and have the Sheriff deliver it.

Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the 2019 meeting schedules for the Village Board and Planning and Zoning Board, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Nothing further to report.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Has received several calls and complaints about parking at the landscaping business on Parker Street. The State of Illinois should be contacted because that is state right-of-way where the vehicles are parked.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report.

Casey McCollom – Work on the watermain was supposed to re-start today, but stopped because of the weather. The original contract is completed, the extra work still has to be done.

Clerk Malinowski – A thank you card was received from the Berglund family for the plant sent by the Village.

Mayor Serena – The tree lighting went well, all things considered. He extended a thank you to Don Phillips, Santa and Mrs. Clause, Curley's, the Lions, Jackie Marks, his family and those that helped decorate. He also thanked the Village maintenance workers for plowing and salting.

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 7:20 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk