VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2018

Monday, December 10, 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 Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena were present. 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 President George H. W. Bush.

The minutes of November 26, 2018 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Pass: Jensen. Motion carried.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Wolf moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

No public comments were presented.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman requested to combine the first two agenda items, Christmas bonus for Village employees and time off for Christmas and New Year's. The scrap fund has $234. Hileman made motion to give each employee a $50 bonus from the scrap fund, and December 24 and December 31 off with pay, second by Riley. If maintenance workers are required to work on the holidays, they will be allowed time off at another time. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman moved to allocate additional funds of $100,000 from the general fund and up to $100,000 from TIF I, to the 2018 watermain project, second by Riley. The additions to the project include approximately $100,000 at the Holt location and around $60,000 to the vacant property on Odell, along with related engineering costs. In addition, Chamlin is unable to do the legal aspect of the easement issue and therefore it will be directed to Scott Belt. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Has been working with First Midwest Bank on some CD money and has received approval to take out new CDs totaling $678,000 for 12 months at a rate of 2.5%. This includes $200,000 CD from the general fund; $75,000 CD from motor fuel tax fund; $8,000 CD from CDAP fund; $200,000 CD from TIF I; $20,000 CD from Industrial TIF; $100,000 CD from the water fund; $75,000 CD from the sewer fund. The interest will pay approximately ten months of health insurance for employees.

Comm. Jensen – Suggested revisiting J & R regarding complaints about vehicles parked at his business, which restrict vision at that intersection. Mayor Serena agreed to go down and talk to him once again.

Comm. Riley – Nothing to report.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report.

Casey McCollom – The watermain was pressure tested today; there were a couple of small leaks – one a material issue, the other a workmanship issue – and both were fixed and pressure tested. They will be chlorinating and finishing up around Monday, depending on the weather.

Clerk Malinowski – Several residents have expressed thank-you to the Village Board for the free water and sewer.

Mayor Serena – The Bicentennial celebration was held December 3. Only a handful of people attended, but coffee and cake were served with the Mayor providing a lemon cake. A new flag was purchased and will be displayed in the Village Hall.

He and Comm. Hileman have talked to a solar farm company who will sign a lease with one of the property owners in the area. Originally it was going to be 20 acres, but has expanded to 40 acres. They have started the process but it should be understood that even if the application and money goes through, it doesn't mean that we would get it. It just means that they are slated for that property and if the government, state or whoever gives them the okay, then they could put one in.

They have also talked to a company that installs LED lighting for street lights, park lights, and can go as far as putting them inside the building. They will be looking at our external lighting to see what they can do. Since our electric bill is from Dynergy, we weren't sure if we qualified, but they looked into it and, because we do get our electricity from ComEd, we will be eligible for the program. If we replace with LED lights, there is a program where they pay for a lot of it. If it is going to cost us a minimal amount of money between what they save us on the rebate and our energy cost, it should help us out. If it not economical to us, we won't do it.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Riley, Wolf, Jensen, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk