VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2019

Monday, January 14, 2019, 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, and Mayor Mike Serena were present. Absent: Comm. Terry Jensen and James Riley. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was present. Village Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of December 10, 2018 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills, but added including a payment to Brandt of around $72,000 after the Treasurer's Report is received, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried.

Public Comments –

Resident Lois Young, owner of Creative Gemz, once again will be running a craft show as part of the Red Carpet festival. She requested the use of the Village property where the elevator was, to keep the event in the Depot Street area. The Board saw no problem with using Village property, however, the car show may wish to use that space for overflow from the parking lot. Mayor Serena will coordinate with the car show organizers and suggested that possibly the craft show could be located in the lot across from the Fire Department, if they are not planning to use it.

Agenda –

There is a new Illinois Public Act 100-1094 regarding work-related cellphone use by employees. Comm. Hileman suggested buying phones for employees to use for Village business only, possibly a 3-year plan. Comm. Hileman made motion to move forward to explore options, but discuss further before taking action, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman reported that miscommunication and honest mistakes were made in regard to three zoning requests received last year, and made motion to refund monies received from the applicants for legal fees, second by Wolf. A change has been made to the procedure to avoid a recurrence in the future. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the donation of a clock to be installed on Village property, the proposed site near the gazebo, second by Wolf. The Village will not pay anything further for the clock, just electricity in the future. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda involved a mess left by the contractor who did the watermain project on Wayne Holt's property, but the problem has been resolved so no further action is necessary.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Asked Casey McCollom for a report on the 2019 water project (see Casey's report below).

He has met with other banks who are interested in our checking accounts and will pay interest. The Treasurer has suggested doing away with the savings accounts, but he doesn't want to do that just yet. Diamond has left Standard Bank and is now with Midland, but Midland charges a fee on

all the checks they write and online banking. The bank he is dealing with has given to him in writing that no fees at all would be charged. Before he does anything he wants to explore using First Midwest as a "holding account" and write a check or wire transfer every five or ten days.

Comm. Jensen – Absent.

Comm. Riley – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report.

Casey McCollom – The 2019 watermain and storm sewer projects are ready for bid and will be published in the Morris Herald January 17 and January 24, with the bid opening on February 6 and action taken at the February 11 Board meeting.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – It snowed over the weekend. Justin was off, so Brad was by himself and did a great job. Compared to other towns, ours is in good shape. He complimented Brad for being someone who does not need to be prodded to do his job.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk