VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2019

Monday, January 28, 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 Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena were present. Absent: Comm. Terry Jensen. Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Casey McCollom were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 14, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Pass: Riley. Motion carried.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

There were no items on the agenda

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Reported the following financial balances: As of 12/31/18, the Village had $1,913,924.01 in CDs, $889,664.11 in cash, $120,000 out in loans, as he reported in July. He reported in June that the Village is worth around $3.2 million, so we are presently close to around $3 million. In addition, we have done almost $500,000 worth of water lines in 2018 all paid except about $31,000.

Comm. Jensen – Absent.

Comm. Riley – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report.

Casey McCollom – Mayor Serena reported that he spoke with Casey who told him that 15 people had pulled specs on the project we have coming up. That doesn't mean that they will all bid, sometimes they just pull them to see what it is all about. The bid opening is scheduled for February 6.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – The maintenance workers did a very good job plowing even though one of the trucks was down for a while. They went back out in the afternoon and I'm sure they'll go out again in the morning because it's blowing and drifting.

He and Comm. Hileman met with a company who will give us a price on replacing some of our lights with LEDs as a cost-saving measure. ComEd has a system where they have rebates, depending on wattage usage of each light. Depending on what we have and what can be replaced with LEDs we could get an immediate rebate from ComEd which is usually 50% but could be more. If we decided to go that way, the LED lights would save us the rest of the money probably in about two to three years. They have not got back to us actual numbers so we are waiting to see.

Resident Dan Bell made the comment that the light on his corner was replaced with LED and it made a big difference. Several others have also been changed. Most of the streetlights in town are owned by ComEd but we do pay the bill for them, so the update costs us absolutely nothing but saves us money because they are cost-effective.

Comm. Wolf asked if there would be problems with water lines with the predicted cold weather forecasted. The Mayor said that there are a few places that we know are problems and they go out and insulate them and hopefully they won't freeze.

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, and Mayor Serena. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk