VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 25, 2019

Monday, March 25, 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 Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman, James Riley, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Village Attorney Scott Belt was absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of March 11, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf. Pass: Mayor Serena. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments –

Resident Jr Esquivel addressed the Board regarding removal of a dead tree on the Village easement at his property located at Railroad and Lincoln. The tree is in the middle of his driveway and there are power lines near the tree. He has received quotes to have the tree cut down and offered to split the cost with the Village. Brad will contact him to see what can be done.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to have Pat and/or Lynn purchase $50, but no more than $60, (from the gaming fund) worth of candy at Dollar General and donate to Casey's for their 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Jensen has received several calls from residents complaining about vehicles parked on the easement at a business, which are obstructing the view when attempting to turn while eastbound on Washington Street onto Route 53. The Mayor and Jensen have talked to the business owner and the problem continues. Jensen said that the Board should be proactive before a serious accident takes place. Comm. Riley will stop to see him and send him a letter tomorrow.

Comm. Hileman moved to grant permission to the building trades to solicit for DAD's Day (Dollars Against Diabetes) on Saturday, June 15, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, and Wolf. Pass: Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman: He has directed Attorney Scott Belt to conduct a lien search on Rub Ford. Once that is received Belt is to make a courtesy call to Ray Rub to see what his intentions are on the outstanding loan of somewhere between $51,000 to $61,000, and interest will start to accumulate if he misses payments. The next payment is due May 15. He missed the November payment but we deducted it from the sales tax reimbursement in January.

Comm. Jensen – There has been questionable activity around the Rub building. Grundy County has been patrolling.

Comm. Riley – He has checked the parks for broken equipment and everything looks good. Brad went out last week and cleaned them up.

Comm. Wolf – Brandt is on spring break but will be back out next week to continue working on the water project.

Casey McCollom – Prep work was done on the water project last week. Approximately 50-60% of the watermain has been done. They will get the connections made and get ready to do some testing, and then come back to do the services. They will run the storm sewer in tandem with the rest of the watermain work.

Still waiting on the easement paperwork.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena: The Red Carpet festival is coming up on May 4, and the water project should be done and hopefully asphalt patch will be done by then. He would like the maintenance workers to do some extra clean up the roads on the route. Volunteers are ready to paint the logo on the streets. Paint will be ordered from Sherman Williams in Morris and can be delivered within a day or so.

Comm. Jensen added that residents should call 911 for the fire department if there is a nuisance burn. There is a repeat offender burning yard waste that has been brought in from outside the Village, and the fire department has been there at least three times. We have an ordinance and Grundy County deputies have the right to ticket and fine them.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Riley, second by Jensen. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Jensen, Hileman, Riley, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk