VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 22, 2019

Monday, April 22, 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, James Riley and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Terry Jensen, was absent. Village Attorney Chris Dearth and Village Engineer David Farrell was present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of April 8, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley. Pass: Mayor Serena. Nays: None. 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. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments – No public comments were offered.

Agenda –

A special bankruptcy attorney must be appointed to handle issues regarding the Rub Ford bankruptcy. Comm. Hileman made motion approve the hire of the bankruptcy attorney (Cullerton out of Rockford), second by Wolf. . Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11.10 of the Village of Gardner Municipal Code, Alcoholic Liquor Dealers, second by Riley. This ordinance includes the addition of a Class C license for wine tastings and packaged wine sales. The same fees and hours as Classes A and B will apply. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Wolf made motion to waive the water service and sewer rate increase, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Serena made a comment regarding refuse billing, whereby the Village pays 60¢ toward the resident's garbage bill. Hileman explained that we tax for garbage and so we give that back; it could be eliminated from the tax levy if we wanted to change that.

Comm. Hileman move to renew the contract with Homewood Disposal for garbage/recycling, second by Riley. There will be no increase for 2020 if we renew before it expires, and 3% each year after that. They will contribute $500 toward an e-waste event and two clean ups per year can be scheduled. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman moved to schedule the All-Town Clean Up for June 10, second by Riley. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Riley, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Riley has received pricing from Fatlan for pea gravel for the East and West parks at $32-33/ton which will run approximately $1,200 to $1,400 for around 40 tons. Comm. Hileman made motion to purchase pea gravel for the parks, second by Wolf. The motion was amended to limit the expenditure to not exceed $2,000, second by Riley.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – Casey was in this afternoon and is working on water and sewer out by the Subway to get across the road for the Pilot. He is looking into the lift station.

Comm. Jensen – Absent

Comm. Riley – Nothing further.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report.

Eng. David Farrell – The construction project is way ahead of schedule and they should be done with all major construction activities probably by the end of this week and have everything cleaned up. In response to a question from the Mayor, the contract does provide that the streets were clean and free of debris at the end of the workday. The storm sewer was not plugged will be jetted on Wednesday.

Clerk Malinowski – The all-town garage sales are set for June 7-8 and the all-town clean up is tentatively scheduled for June 10 with Homewood Disposal, to be confirmed tomorrow. They will take care of advertising in *The Paper*. We will post on cable and print up some flyers to distribute.

Mayor Serena: No complaints have been received regarding work being done in town.

There won't be another meeting before the Route 66 Red Carpet festival on May 4. Once again we will talk to residents to have their grass mowed and yards cleaned up by the time that comes up. Maintenance will make sure holes are patched.

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

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk