VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2019

Monday, June 10, 2019, at 7:05 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, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Erik Smith and Rob Wolf were absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was present and Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of May 13, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hill made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Serena. Roll call – Ayes: Mayor Serena. Pass: Comm. Hileman, Hill. Nays: None.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills, second by Hill, with the following exception to be reflected in the minutes – a reimbursement in the amount of $2,000.47 was made to resident Karl Tyler for a sewer line problem caused by Brandt during the watermain construction, for which Tyler called Popejoy Plumbing to rectify; the $2,000.47 was subsequently deducted from the Village's payment to Brandt. (Brandt invoice was $13,198.25 less $2,000.47 equals payment of $11,197.78.) Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May was presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Comm. Hileman pointed out total bills paid tonight totaled approximately $75,000, mostly from the general fund leaving around $140,000, other cash is tied up in CDs and he does not want to cash in a CD unless necessary, no tax dollars will be received until August, as the first real estate tax payments are due July 9.

Public Comments –

Resident John Holmeyer addressed the Board regarding the condition of the alley which runs alongside his house on Elm Street. He presented photographs showing that there is no gravel in the alley and it needs attention. He has looked into getting gravel from Joliet and asked if the Village would be willing to split the cost with him. Comm. Hileman will look into the money situation before making a commitment.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve extended hours for Class B Liquor License sales for NASCAR weekend, Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30, from 6:00 am until 1:30 am, and revert back to regular permitted hours of Monday through Saturday 8:00 am through 1:30 am, and Sunday 11:00 am through 1:30 am, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resident Mike Pokornicki had items on the agenda regarding damage to his house caused by the Village cutting trees. However, Pokornicki said that he would pass since the Building Inspector told him that he will take care of it.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – The bankruptcy attorney will be filing some papers on our behalf regarding the money that we are owed. We may not recover the money but we might wind up in litigation over some properties on which the Village of Gardner holds liens over the original $260,000 loan. There is also a situation regarding tires that were left out which collect water as a result of rains

and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. We will send a letter to the bankruptcy judge asking for help to try to get rid of the tires.

Dean Rankovich, the Building Inspector, brought to his attention that there are no ordinances regarding permits for electrical generators; some residents did get one, but others did not. There are also houses being remodeled with no building permits. They are putting all new electric and plumbing in and they will need to obtain a permit. He cited several examples of residents remodeling bathrooms without permits and said we need to take a good look at this to make sure that we are following codes and laws. There are also swimming pools appearing with electric, and they are supposed to have a permit for electric, and there is a state code on the height. The Mayor pointed out that we need to make sure that everything is safe and legal for the next owner. Rankovich suggested sending a letter to every home owner, but Hileman said that when he becomes aware, he will have the office send a letter.

Comm. Smith – Absent

Comm. Hill – Mayor Serena acknowledged that he is new at the position. He suggested meeting with the Mayor or Comm. Hileman with any concerns or questions.

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Casey McCollom – Brandt is nearing the end of projects. He brought up the issue with the sanitary line mentioned previously by Comm. Hileman.

Clerk Malinowski – The audit took place on June 3 and no significant discrepancies were found. The auditors are aiming for a June 24 presentation to the Board.

Mayor Serena: Several garage sales were held over the weekend for the all-town garage sales. A lot of garbage was out today for the all-town clean-up.

Moment of silence was observed in memory of Bill Brooks and Tom Perkins.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk