VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
June 24, 2019

Monday, June 24, 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, Tim Hill, Rob Wolf, Erik Smith, and Mayor Mike Serena. Village Engineer Casey McCollom and Attorney Scott Belt were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of June 10, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Pass: Comm. Wolf, Smith. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments –

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Mayor Serena announced the reappointments of Village Inspectors: Zoning Officer – Dean Rankovich, Building Inspector – Dean Rankovich, Electrical Inspector – Joel Maxard, Plumbing Inspector – Jeff Bexson. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the appointments, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Wolf, Smith, Mayor Serena. Pass: Comm. Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Tawnya Mack presented the annual audit. No significant discrepancies were found, but it was suggested to levy for employee Social Security. We currently levy for IMRF, but not Social Security. An issue with the recording of interest from the banks was brought up. Presently interest on CD accounts is computed and then entered quarterly; Tawnya suggested continuing the practice, but having the banks calculate the interest using April 30 as a cut off since it is the end of the fiscal year. In addition, Accounting guidelines are changing and they should not be tracking our capital assets. They will send the schedule to the Village to be updated with additions/deletions. Everything else is running smoothly. Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the audit as reported, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Hill, Wolf, Smith, and Mayor Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resident Michael Pokornicki once again addressed the Board regarding the cutting of the trees on the Village easement at his address and causing damage to his house. He wishes to have it on the record that he is accusing Mayor Serena and Commissioner Hileman of “political terrorism” and has sent letters to four different agencies and is waiting for replies. He stated that he will be at every meeting protesting the cutting of the trees.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – He wishes the record to reflect that he had absolutely nothing to do with the trimming of Pokornicki’s trees and the Maintenance workers will confirm that.

Comm. Smith – Had some questions regarding use of Motor Fuel Tax funds. Hileman stated that the last time funds were used were in August of 2017 on sidewalks and parking lots, spending approximately $80,000. Smith will look into streets, alleys and sidewalks that may need improvement. Commented to Ida Schopp that the town clock looks beautiful.

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report.

Comm. Wolf – Has discussed the possibility of the new water tower with Hileman. Hileman needs to have a discussion with Jacobs regarding what was in the original plans. If there was not enough money allocated in the original plans, then we would have to amend what was included in 1986 and which was amended again 23 years later, and also make sure it is in the Appropriations to be able to spend it. Wolf will look into pricing

Casey McCollom – Absent.

Clerk Malinowski – A thank you and certificate of appreciation was received for participation in the Dad's Day fund raiser.

Mayor Serena: We have received a lot of rain and have been spraying for mosquitoes twice a week. Residents are requested to remove anything in yards that could retain water and provide a breeding place. Dad's Day donations were around $1,000. Mowing and clean up needs to be done behind O'Hare and the former flea market, letters should be sent. Pokornicki stated that he wanted to take a look at the audit report tomorrow; Hileman gave him his copy and asked him to return it.

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, Wolf, Smith, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk