VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2019

Monday, July 8, 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 Erik Smith, Dick Hileman and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioners Tim Hill and Rob Wolf were absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was also present and Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of June 24, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills, second by Smith. Hileman pointed out that approximately $10,000 was held back from the Brandt payment for the landscaping. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of June was presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Comm. Hileman pointed that no interest was shown on about 15 bank accounts and the Treasurer had been to the bank to get it straightened out.

Public Comments –

Resident Mike Pokornicki addressed the Board about maintenance workers not stopping at stop signs. He also reported that lawmakers in Springfield have passed a bill that now allows mayors to perform marriages.

Agenda –

Bill Pohl Knights of Columbus representative requested permission for the organization to solicit for donations during their annual fund drive September 20 – 22, 2019. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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 stated that he will be at every meeting protesting the cutting of the trees. If the trees do fall on his house, he will not turn it in to the insurance, but expects to see that the Village pays. He also mentioned lack of support for new businesses.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – A CD has recently come due, a little over $500,000 and he got 2.75% for 12 months. Another is coming due next month, around $300,000, and will probably renew that one too for a year.

He passed out a draft of the Appropriations ordinance. He asked Board members to get back to him with any changes, otherwise it will be voted on at the July 22 meeting because it has to be filed with Grundy County by the end of July.

The Board will either have to pass an ordinance or send letters to residents regarding mowing. If there is no ordinance or residents are not notified, the Village has sole responsibility if an

accident occurs due to grass clippings which have been blown out into the street. The Village will be required to inform residents whether via letter, on cable or the water bills, or some other form of notice.

Comm. Smith – Will be looking throughout the Village regarding streets and sidewalks that need attention, and residents are requested to notify him. A discussion was held regarding the poor condition of Route 129, which is a state road and the Village is unable to maintain it. He is also looking into the possibility of a sign to erect near the Pilot site to promote downtown businesses.

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Casey McCollom – Nothing new to report

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena: No complaints received regarding the 4th of July

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hileman, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk