VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2019

Monday, August 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dick Hileman called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call – Commissioners Erik Smith, Tim Hill, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Dick Hileman. Mayor Mike Serena was absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was also present and Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of July 22, 2019 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Pass: Hill. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

The Treasurer's Report for the month of July was presented. Hileman pointed out that there are two mistakes that will be corrected next month: on the first page, Engineering Services for $50,807.95, which should be payment to Brandt; and, in the TIF, the same thing. Wolf made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed with the corrections to be made, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Comments –

Homeowner Ashleigh Tarman addressed the Board regarding a dead tree on the Village right-of-way in front of her home. In February a limb fell on her renter's car and the Village had to replace her windshield. She had been told that the trimming would be done in the summer and asked when that would happen. Mayor Pro Tem Hileman told her it would be taken down within the next two weeks.

Ismet Bakii, owner of the Gardner Restaurant, addressed the Board regarding a liquor license for his establishment. Hileman explained that our current code requires that the owner or a manager reside within the Village limits. All available licenses have been issued, however, more could be added with Board approval. He also explained that Casey's and the BP only sell packaged liquor, but when it is served on premises, that is a different class.

Agenda –

Resident Victoria Webster addressed the Board regarding a dead tree on her property. Limbs are tangled in the electric wires and she is concerned that the tree is in danger of falling down. The tree is actually on the County's right-of-way, but they have told her that it is the Village's responsibility. Hileman explained that the agreement the Village has with the County specifically states that they would maintain the road. The Village agreed to do striping, signage, plowing, and maintaining storm sewers or ditches; everything else is the County's responsibility. This issue came up recently when the railroad installed the sidewalks on Main Street. The railroad installed the sidewalks but then there was the question of maintenance. The Village accepts responsibility for Carbon Hill Road, Washington Street, Division Street, and Jackson Street, but not Main Street, however, because that is a county road. The Village has been in court over the matter for a year and a half. Hileman agreed that the Village will send a letter to the County and copy Ms. Webster.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Hileman – During the audit, Mack reported that we levy for IMRP but we should also levy for Social Security. He went to see the county clerk and they are taxing for a total of $17,500, but it should be $10,000 for IMRF and $7,500 for Social Security. They are going to try to get it corrected before the next audit and we have a letter from them stating that.

The internet problem with the bank seems to be straightened out.

There will be a hearing on Friday regarding the Ray Rub bankruptcy. Midwest Bank along with the bankruptcy court have challenged our petition which says that we hold a lien on the place for the $61,000 Rub still owes us. It may be resolved on Friday and he will let the Board know, otherwise it may be another couple of weeks.

Comm. Smith – Nothing to report

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Questioned who recommended the bankruptcy attorney and was informed that the recommendation came from Scott Belt.

Casey McCollom – Nothing to report

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Absent

At 7:25 p.m. Comm. Smith made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)1 of The Open Meetings Act, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

At 7:30 p.m. Comm. Wolf made motion to reconvene, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Based on Executive Session discussion, Comm. Wolf moved to grant a $1.00/hour increase to all employees effective today (August 12, 2019), second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hill, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Wolf, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk