VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 28, 2019

Monday, October 28, 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, Erik Smith, Rob Wolf, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Casey McCollom were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of October 14, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Hill, 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. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Comments –

Resident Don Phillips addressed the Board regarding the Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Gardner American Legion, sponsored by the Gardner American Legion Auxiliary. There will be two guest speakers: someone who helps organize Honor Flights, and John Hill of Coal City, who just returned from an Honor Flight. After the program, sandwiches and pizza will be served.

Agenda –

The Mayor announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the gazebo downtown. The Lions Club will serve hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies. The Festival of Trees will be held at the First Midwest Bank as in years past. This year's proceeds will go to the girls' softball field at the Grade School.

Unfinished Business:

The Mayor talked with Laurie Hibler of Cici & Lala's regarding the liquor license. Right now she doesn't want to change anything, to leave it as is. A change to the liquor license class would require modifications to the business.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Some CDs, around $600,000, will be coming due on November 12 and he will look into what kind of interest rates he can get.

Comm. Smith Asked whether Maintenance can use the box blade to do the alleys and/or fill potholes with grindings before frost sets in. The weather will determine when or if the work can be done.

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Inquired about the court date for the landscaper and was informed it is November 21. He reported that he has re-tinned his roof and wanted to know if he could put a storage box (cargo container) behind the building. When he was told he couldn't, it was mentioned that there is another one in town, across from Casey's, which gave him the idea. Wolf asked if anyone talked to him or sent a letter.

Casey McCollom – Absent. He talked to the Mayor earlier and said that he had nothing.

Clerk Malinowski – Reminded the Board about the All Town Clean Up for November 4.

Mayor Serena – Halloween is Thursday and the weather is expected to be cool and rainy. He cautioned everyone to be careful and watch out for children.

After Halloween is the All Town Clean-Up so residents can put out extra garbage.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk