VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2019

Monday, December 9, 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 Rob Wolf, Dick Hileman, Erik Smith, and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Tim Hill was absent. Village Attorney Scott Belt and Village Engineer Casey McCollom were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 25, 2019 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Pass: Wolf. 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. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of November was presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Comments –

Cindy Alumbaugh and the Girl Scout Troop 75731 were present to thank the Mayor for opening the Scout Cabin for their use. A collection of thank-you cards were given to him.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion to pay a Christmas bonus of $100 to full time employees and $75 to part time, to be taken from the scrap fund (currently $436.42), second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to pay four hours holiday pay for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

No further decision was made regarding adult-use recreational cannabis, other than to refer the matter first to the Planning & Zoning Board. After further discussion at their January meeting, they should contact Scott Belt to schedule a public hearing for the February meeting.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – It was noted that the Treasurer's Report shows a downturn in the general fund due to the IMLRMA insurance payment of around $30,000, but should recover in the next month.

Comm. Smith – Nothing to report. He asked if the Village has enough salt. Hileman reported that we have about 200 tons on hand, with two extra loads ordered at around $120/ton.

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Absent. He called the Mayor and said he had nothing new to report.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – The Tree Lighting ceremony was be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 1. It was estimated that over 100 people attended. Don Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, Gardner Lions and Curley's all assisted to make it a successful event. Jackie Marks received the special ornament for her contribution in the past of crocheting scarves to distribute at the Tree Lighting. First Midwest Bank held the Festival of Trees and raised around $5,700, the highest donations ever. The dedication of the town clock was held after the tree lighting with a plaque acknowledging that funds raised from the Festival of Trees were used toward the purchase of the clock.

He received a call from Julie Buck of the Community Foundation of Grundy County. They have taken possession of the former Allison Insurance building with the intent to use it as a satellite location for non-profit and government agencies.

At 7:20 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

At 8:03 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Mayor Serena reported that special board meetings will be held on Thursday, December 12, and Tuesday, December 17, 2019, to interview candidates for the maintenance position. Clerk Malinowski will set up the interviews and post the notice of special meetings.

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. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk