VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2020

Monday, February 10, 2020, 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 Hileman, Rob Wolf, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Erik Smith, Village Attorney Scott Belt, and Village Attorney Casey McCollom were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Denice Muzzarelli, former Deputy Clerk for the Village.

The minutes of January 27, 2020 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Serena. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Mayor Serena. Pass: Hileman, Hill. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments –

John Griffin, owner of J & A Landscaping on Parker Street, addressed the Board regarding the definition of a "commercial vehicle" as it is not clearly defined in AMLEGAL. Comm. Hileman advised him to refer his questions to his attorney, as the Village is currently in litigation with him. In answer to his question on the status of the property, Hileman referred to a case in Grundy County that came out of Morris regarding a man repairing cars in his garage and the judge ruled that he could not operate out of there in a residential area. Griffin said that pictures have been taken of his property and he feels that the Village is harassing him. Photographs include a water tote and his personal vehicle with a plow attached. He mentioned that Lakeside Construction has commercial vehicles parked on his property; Hileman said that he has received letters. Comm. Wolf said that he is on John's side and the Village has gone overboard on this. Also, he has applied for a fence permit and was told to submit a survey.

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Hill to table the request for a donation to the GSW High School trap shooting team. Hileman reported that gambling funds have dropped by around 50% in the last three months. This is the fund used to give free water and sewer at Christmas. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was reported

Reports –

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – CDs are coming due February 15 and February 28. Notices for the February 15 CDs were not received from First Midwest until Thursday (February 6). He was unable to contact Katy Bodine regarding rates. We have not yet received a notice on the CD due on the 28th.

Comm. Smith – Absent

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – The drill schedule for Jonathan shows that he will be gone for two weeks, March 7 through 21, for annual training. Wolf asked if these are paid. Hileman reported that under the VA we must make up the difference. We will not pay him until he shows us what he was paid and then we will make that up.

Casey McCollom – Absent

Clerk Malinowski – We had the Motor Fuel Tax audit on Friday, February 7. Everything was perfect and we will receive the final report in two weeks. Hileman reported that our motor fuel tax is based on population.

Mayor Serena – We have been fortunate this winter with low snow levels.

At 7:16 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act – Pending, probable or imminent litigation, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

At 7:52 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk