VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2020

Monday, July 13, 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 Dick Hileman, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. Comm. Tim Hill and Erik Smith, Village Attorney Scott Belt were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of June 8, 2020 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf. Abstain: Mayor Serena. 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, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of June were presented. Comm. Wolf moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Comments

No public comments were presented.

Agenda –

Discussion was held regarding bid proposals for the new water tower. The original bid opening was held on June 18. At that time, two bids were received, both of which were higher than the allocated $1.2 million. McCollom mentioned that there is a shallow field of suppliers. After a clarification of the responsible bidders ordinance, CBI lowered their bid from $1,528,940 to $1.475 million. As long as the company has a certified training program and pays the prevailing wage, there is nothing the Village can do. South Wilmington got their water tower at $800,000. Our tower would have only 90,000 gallons more and it would cost almost $700,000 higher. If the Village wants to go with CBI, we would either have to tighten our belt or put a $20 surcharge on the water bills for the next 36 months. CBI has both union and non-union employees. Representatives of CBI were in attendance and Comm. Hileman suggested that the company submit a letter stating that work would be provided by 100% union workers. Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Wolf, to table further discussion until the next Board Meeting. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Hileman, to approve the Budget/Appropriations Ordinance. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Several alarms have been triggered at the sewer plant and former employee Justin Schultz has been assisting recently hired Village maintenance employees in water and sewer related matters. Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Wolf, to compensate Schultz at $50/hour; prior approval must be granted by either Hileman or Mayor Serena before calling him. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – There was a mix-up at First Midwest Bank regarding notices of expiring CDs. Katie Bodine back-dated $225,000 in CDs to February at 1.5% for one year.

Comm. Smith – Absent

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Nothing further

Clerk Malinowski – The annual audit took place on June 24. No significant discrepancies were found.

Mayor Serena – More residents are using the CourtMoney online payment option. We have another new maintenance employee who seems to be quite mechanically inclined.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk