VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 27, 2020

Monday, July 27, 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 Erik Smith, Tim Hill, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. Comm. Dick Hileman and Village Attorney Scott Belt were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of July 13, 2020 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Mayor Serena. Pass: Smith, Hill. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments

Resident J. R. Slegl addressed the Board with a request for stop signs at the intersection of West Lincoln and North Railroad Streets. There are currently 17 children in the area and several incidents of reckless driving and speeding have taken place. Mayor Serena stated that a study needs to be done to determine the necessity for a sign. Mr. Slegl also expressed interest in organizing the all-town garage sales for the weekend of August 21-23.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented

Agenda –

Discussion was held regarding bid proposals for the new water tower, which was tabled from the previous meeting. Comm. Hileman was not present and therefore not available to comment on funding. Mayor Serena suggested adding a $10 surcharge to the water bills for three to four years; Wolf commented that the Village might start by not giving free water every year. The current water tower is reaching the end of its useful life and maintenance is more costly than replacement. Wolf mentioned that the new tower would hold three days of water versus one day for the current one, and the recent boil order would not have been necessary. McCollom and a representative from CBI predicted a timetable including approximately five months lead time, five to six weeks for construction and four weeks to paint, with an expected completion by the end of 2021. Serena made motion, second by Wolf, to table further discussion until Comm. Hileman is present to discuss financing. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Changes to building permit fees were discussed, including an increase to $50 per inspection and a penalty for failed inspections. The Mayor also suggested that an email system be set up to contact the inspectors and to track inspections. Mayor Serena also referred to permits for emergency generators. Some residents paid for permits and some did not, but no inspections were ever done. Wolf made motion, second by Hill to table further discussion for a future meeting. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented.

Reports

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Smith – Nothing to report

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – He was on-site at Gardner Grade School today and they requested that the garbage company not turn around in their parking lot.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – A recent lightning strike knocked out the computer system in the water plant and drained the tower and reduced water pressure, which resulted in a mandatory boil order. Several complaints were received because some residents were not notified, although notices were posted in various businesses and on the cable channel. Repairs were completed and the boil order was lifted within 48 hours.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk