VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2020

Monday, October 12, 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, Rob Wolf, Tim Hill, Dick Hileman and Mayor Mike Serena. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. Village Attorney Scott Belt was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of September 28, 2020 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm., Smith, Wolf, Hill, Hileman, 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 Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm., Smith, Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

A presentation of a plaque and gift card was made to Village Treasurer Sheryl McDaniel in recognition of her retirement from the Village after 25 years of service.

Comm. Wolf made motion to approve an All-Town Clean-Up for November 2, second by Hileman. The clean-up was previously scheduled for November 9, but that day will be a recycle date. Roll call: Ayes – Smith, Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

The micro-pantry will be installed at the Gardner Fire District. The site was selected because someone is present there at all hours.

Resident Don Phillips declined further comment regarding the grass clippings letter. He inquired whether the Village is on target with responses to his FOIA requests. Village Clerk Malinowski presented responses to two of the requests, the permits and violation notices. The inspections FOIA will be ready by Thursday, October 15, and he was informed that he could either pick them up or she would mail them; he responded that he would come by either Thursday or Friday.

Mayor Serena commented that appointments are made and removals are made by the Mayor and he made motion to remove the current planning/zoning officer and building inspector, second by Hileman. Roll call: Ayes – Smith, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: Hill. Pass: Wolf. Motion passed.

Mayor Serena then made the appointment of Dan Babcock as planning/zoning officer and building inspector. Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Wolf. Roll call: Ayes – Smith, Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Pass: Hill. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Atty. Belt – Absent

Comm. Hileman – At the last meeting he reported that the Village will have approximately $500,000 to be paid by the end of the year for water tower expenses. There are CDs that are coming due November 12 – General fund $166,225.54 and TIF fund $333,104.96, he will re-do for three months. There will be some payments due in March and April, so we will be in good shape. There is another TIF one that might have to be cashed early for around $550,000, which doesn't come due until around July but we might not have a final payment until September. If we do have to cash it early, there won't be a penalty.

Comm. Smith – Streets are in good shape. Some alleys and sidewalks need to be done and we need to come up with a plan. Mayor Serena commented that next year might be the year to do streets, Hileman reported that streets were last done about seven years ago. Since then we have done the parking lot here and uptown parking lot and street. Serena reported that there is a dip on Washington and a hump on Jackson which we might have someone grind. There is also a section on Jackson just south of Main that the county did not do. Hileman asked how many sidewalks need to be done, as he has a Motor Fuel CD of $94,000 which is coming due and which he might re-roll, but there is around $125,000 in savings. We have appropriated funds for sidewalks but we can also use motor fuel funds for sidewalks. McCollom also mentioned that there are grants available for sidewalks. Resident Gary Kociss indicated that North Street from Center to Elm could use sidewalks.

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – There should be some activity within two weeks at the water tower for the foundation.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Has received several thanks for the extra hour of trick or treating.

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., Smith, Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

(As Mayor Serena called for a motion to adjourn, Resident Michael Pokornicki loudly disrupted the meeting, citing his "Constitutional right" to make a public comment. He had not signed in prior to the meeting. The Mayor announced that he was out of order, the motion was seconded and roll call was taken to adjourn the meeting.)

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk