VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 26, 2020

Monday, October 26, 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 Rob Wolf, Dick Hileman and Mayor Mike Serena. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. Commissioners Tim Hill and Erik Smith, and Village Attorney Scott Belt were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of October 12, 2020 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm., Wolf, 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 Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. This year, due Covid-19 restrictions, changes will be made to previous programs. There will be no festival of trees at the bank. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve use of the Village parking lot and gazebo for the Christmas tree lighting, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm., Wolf, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Resident Don Phillips stated that this would be the last time the grass clippings letter should appear on the agenda and he would submit a letter later in the week to remove that one from future agendas.

He addressed the Board regarding responses to his FOIA requests with comments that two of the letters stated that the Village was unable to comply with his request as written since no such list exists for inspections or notices sent to residents. He is familiar with some other municipalities that keep logs of this information in the requested format and suggested that the Village should do so also.

Resident Michael Pokornicki had an agenda item but did not appear at the meeting.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Atty. Belt – Nothing to report

Comm. Hileman – We just made our first payment on the water tower and we have many more to come.

Comm. Smith –Absent

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Work has started on the foundation for the water tower.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – One extra hour has been added for trick or treating and the weather is expected to be nice.

He has learned that the current water tower was built in the 1940s and it was one of the first six of that type that was constructed. The new one is being built by the same company that did the first one. A septic tank was found at the site of the new construction and has to be removed.

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, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk