VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 22 2021

Monday, March 22, 2021, 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, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioners Dick Hileman and Erik Smith were absent. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. No Village Attorney was present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 22 were presented. Comm. Hill made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

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

Public Comments

Dan, aka "Slick", President of the Knights of the Innocent MC, addressed the Board to introduce their non-profit organization which assists abused and bullied children. Several other members were also present. The group has rented the storefront at 106 Depot Street to serve as a meeting place. He also mentioned that they changed the American flag at the gazebo when they noticed it was in damaged condition.

Agenda –

A discussion was held regarding roof mounted solar energy systems as an amendment to the Village's solar farms ordinance. A draft ordinance was presented for review. Mayor Serena distributed a three-page list of 40 items regarding electrical code from 2017 NEC submitted by Electric Inspector Joel Maxard. Serena suggested adding ten circled items to the ordinance which he felt were the most critical. Engineer McCollom suggested stipulating that the roof mounted solar energy systems must meet the most recent National Electrical Code (NEC) rather than a specific year, otherwise the ordinance would have to be updated with any subsequent codes. Comm. Wolf made motion to table a decision to adopt the ordinance until the next meeting, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Wolf made motion to accept the lowest bid for the Rock Filter Restoration Project from Conley Excavating at a total of $26,313.50. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Wolf moved to approve the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code to appropriate the amount of $15,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of purchasing road salt, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Smith –Absent

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report.

Comm. Wolf – A resident on Carbon Hill Road called him regarding flooding in the ditch due to a broken tile on his property. Engineer McCollom advised that is on the resident's property and is his responsibility to maintain. Wolf will advise the resident.

Casey McCollom – Some movement taking place on the water tower. The high service pump for the water treatment plant is possibly coming in tomorrow.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Maintenance workers did a good job on snow plowing over the winter.

At 7:38 p.m. Comm. Wolf made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

At 8:01 p.m. Comm. Hill made motion to reconvene, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding golf cart operation in the Village. Clerk Malinowski will obtain a copy of the Braidwood ordinance.

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. Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk