VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 12 2021

Monday, April 12, 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 Tim Hill, Erik Smith, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioners Dick Hileman was absent. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. No Village Attorney was present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

A draft ordinance of the roof-mounted solar energy systems as an amendment to the Village's solar farms ordinance with the addition of a section for electrical code was presented. This section was added specifically in the interest of safety. Comm. Wolf made motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.15 of the Village of Gardner Zoning Code Related to Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems and Conditional Uses, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Resident John Hernandez was on the agenda regarding tree stumps, but was not present at the meeting.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Smith –Nothing to report

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Reported on water tower progress: Painting is proceeding on the exterior, with the logo painted while on the ground and is targeted to finish by the end of the week, after which it will be painted on the inside. The projected date to lift and place the ball is the 26th or 27th of the month. Once the ball is placed the interior electrical and plumbing will be completed. When on-line, volume will be slowly increased from 50 to 65 pounds when done. Residents should be vigilant for leaks. Then the old tower will be demolished with an anticipated date toward late August. At this time both pumps are running but are not online.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – There was an issue at the water tower on Monday, April 5, which caused pressure to drop. There is a potential to extend our TIF for a second time for 12 years and he is working with the various taxing bodies to get support letters which will be submitted to legislators in Springfield as the next step for further action and approval.

At 7:17 p.m. Comm. Wolf made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act -- pending, probable or imminent litigation -- second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

At 7:38 p.m. Comm. Wolf made motion to reconvene, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

An email will be sent to the Dollar General store on Tuesday, April 13, regarding upgrades made to the store with no final inspection of the improvements.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hill, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk