VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2021

Monday, May 10, 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 Erik Smith, Rob Wolf, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioner Dick Hileman was absent. Also in attendance was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. Village Attorney Bryan Wellner was not present. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of April 26, 2021 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, and Mayor Serena. 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.

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

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Resident Connie Swearingen, representing the American Legion Auxiliary, presented poppies to the Board members. She read a "Poppy Proclamation" which was then signed by Mayor Serena. Comm. Wolf made motion to grant permission to distribute poppies within the Village by Danner-Madsen American Legion Auxiliary on Friday, May 28, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Wolf made motion to schedule the All-Town Clean-Up for either Monday, June 14 or June 28, second by Hill. Mayor Serena is working with the couple who volunteered to organize the All-Town Garage Sales last year to coordinate the clean up for the following Monday. Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Hill, to allow Mayor Serena to finalize the clean-up date once a decision is made regarding the garage sale date. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding Inspector payments and fees, and permit fees. Mayor Serena called neighboring Villages to determine their fees and they are much higher. Current inspectors receive $500 per year. Current permit fees are $25 and inspections are $40 each. Mayor suggested raising inspections on residential to $50 and $100 on commercial/businesses, and additional fees for failed inspections. Comm. Wolf made motion to table a decision on inspector pay rates, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Wolf made motion to table a decision on permit fees, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Smith –Nothing to report

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Follow up on tree stumps from last meeting – suggested that our maintenance workers cut the new runners growing from the stumps. Mayor Serena will look into grinding of the stumps.

Casey McCollom – The water tower is up, and is scheduled to start underground pipework and to bring online in about one to one-and-a-half months. Painting needs to be finished and has been delayed due to unseasonable cool weather. The cistern is still there, several suggestions made to remove it and the gravel. A fire hydrant is at the site and will be directly connected.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Reviewed the various Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor events that were held and everyone did a great job. The Lions served root beer floats and sandwiches by the diner car and, in fact, sold out. The car show and craft show were well attended. He had requested a Grundy County Sheriff presence and there was no trouble. Connie Swearingen reported that the Rock-a-thon raised $1,400.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk