VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2021

Monday, May 24, 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 (arrived late), 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 May 10, 2021 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. 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.

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Jessica Patrick, co-owner of Creative Gems, addressed the Board with a request to use the Village property on Depot Street to organize a Farmers Market. She has several vendors who are interested in participating and they would be held the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The only support needed from the Village would be garbage cans; they would handle everything from obtaining vendors to clean up. Mayor Serena cautioned that if any incidents occurred, the Village would have the right to shut them down. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the request, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

All-Town Garage Sales will be held June 25, 26 and 27. Comm Wolf made motion to approve All-Town Clean Up date for June 28, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding Inspectors' compensation. Currently inspectors are paid $500 per year. Comm. Smith made motion, second by Hill, to raise their base pay to $1,000 per year, retroactive to May 1, 2021. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Further discussion was held regarding permit fees and inspectors' fees: Permit fees for residential will remain at $25, however permit fees for business/commercial will be raised from $25 to $50; Inspection fees for residential will be increased from $40 per inspection to $50 per inspection and inspection fees for business/commercial will be raised from $40 per inspection to $100 per inspection. These increases will be effective June 1, 2021. Comm. Hill made motion, second by Wolf to approve these new rates. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Once the base pay of $1,000 for inspections is met (for example, 20 each $50 inspections, or 10 each $100 inspections, or any combination of the two equaling $1,000), the subsequent inspection fees will be owing to the corresponding inspector to be paid at the end of the fiscal year. Only documented inspections will be considered and must originate through the Village Hall personnel. Inspectors must report back to the Village Hall with pass/fail information and the Clerk and/or Deputy Clerk will be responsible to maintain the records of inspections. Re-inspection after a failed inspection will incur an additional fee to be paid before the re-inspection fee and final approval will be granted.

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 – Electric and plumbing is done, painting needs to be finished before starting to fill some time in July, when fill is completed get it online, demo the old one.

Clerk Malinowski – Audit is scheduled for June 18

Mayor Serena – Comm. Hill and Mayor have talked to residents about violations. Don Reed is working on one car to get it to move. Our maintenance workers will clean up abandoned properties and place a mechanics lien on the property.

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. Smith, Wolf, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk