**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
**June 14, 2021**

Monday, June 14, 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, Erik Smith (arrived 7:04 p.m.), and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioner Dick Hileman was absent. Also in attendance were Village Engineer Casey McCollom and Village Attorney Bryan Wellner. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of May 24, 2021 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Smith, 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. Wolf, Hill, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

**Public Comments**

Resident Michael Pokornicki addressed the Board. He asked the salary of the Village Attorney and whether he represents any unions, and Mayor Serena commented that this is not a question-and-answer session, and we would get back to him with that information. He then asked the Board about their views on white supremacy and proceeded to voice several discriminatory racist terms. Mayor Serena shut him down immediately stating that type of language would not be tolerated.

**Agenda –**

Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Smith, to approve the Ordinance Regulating Grass, Weeds and Plants Maintenance. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Resident Jake Olsen asked the Mayor to read the ordinance and he complied.

Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Smith, to approve the Ordinance to Modify the Building Ordinance. The ordinance modifications relate to permit and inspection fees which were approved previously. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena.

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was presented

**Reports**

**Comm. Hileman** – Absent

**Comm. Smith** –Nothing to report

**Comm. Hill** – Has received complaints regarding golf carts, go-carts, ATV, and other similar type vehicles racing down streets, violating traffic laws and disregarding stop signs. Mayor Serena stated that non-licensed vehicles are not allowed on city streets and the Village should contact the sheriff's department for unlicensed vehicle enforcement. Smith commented that we should create an ordinance to allow them. Serena stated further that the Village did not have authority to allow unlicensed operators of such vehicles. Attorney Wellner confirmed that there is a state statute that provides for operation of non-highway vehicles, and sets parameters on what the Village can allow as a municipality and they are pretty strict. Most importantly, one provision concerns crossing of state highways and he confirmed that the Village cannot allow the operation

of motor vehicles by unlicensed drivers. There is also the question of enforcement responsibility of the ordinance.

**Comm. Wolf** – Nothing to report

**Casey McCollom –** The painters will be back in town later this week. They have about two and a half weeks of work to complete the painting, to be followed by chlorinating, flushing, filling, draining, refilling and then testing. Once it passes it will be brought online. The old tower will remain in place until the new tower is verified operational, the end of July if all goes as expected.

**Clerk Malinowski** – Mentioned that she forgot to add Attorney Wellner to the agenda, and he said that he had nothing to report anyway. Motor fuel tax audit compliance reviews were received and we were found to be satisfactory. None of the commissioners had any adjustments to the appropriations ordinance, so it will be prepared for approval at the next meeting.

**Mayor Serena –** We've been pretty lucky with the weather lately but there have been no reports of anyone burning in the drier climate. There have been complaints about the temporary stoplight on the I-55 ramp since it is about two minutes because there are four specific entrances there. It won't be there too much longer because work is almost complete.

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 7:30 p.m.

_____

Pat Malinowski, Clerk