VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July12, 2021

Monday, July 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, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioners Dick Hileman and Erik Smith were 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 June 28, 2021 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, and Mayor Serena. Pass: Wolf. 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. Hill, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments

Resident Terry Jensen addressed the Board regarding ordinances and violations enforcement. He stated that when he was on the Board the previous Village Attorney said that the ordinances in place were solid and enforceable in court.

Agenda –

Resident Benny Grant addressed the Board regarding mowing and junk in the Village. He referred to several properties especially on Jackson Street. Mayor Serena responded that he prefers to talk to the residents before sending letters and proceeding with legal action. Progress is being made but probably not as quickly as some would like. Resident Dan Bell added further comments and suggested that the railroad be contacted to clean the ditches.

The Board discussed a draft of an Ordinance Authorizing, with Limitations, the Operation of Golf Carts on Village Streets. Several issues were brought up such as adding other types of vehicles, limits related to Village streets and railroad crossings, and liability to the Village. Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Hill, to table approval and further discussion of the ordinance to a future meeting Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Smith –Absent

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Weather is still an issue to finish painting the water tower. Painting needs to be finished inside and minor electrical issues remain. Operation is still anticipated for late July or early August. Demolition of the old tower should begin the middle to end of August.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – He spoke to a representative of Union Pacific regarding a storm drain from one of the businesses that goes into the railroad ditch. The railroad had called for a JULIE and will go four telephone poles, two on each side, to dig it up to try to alleviate the problem. He is working on getting the whole ditch cleaned up. The new pumps at the sewer plant are keeping up with the rain.

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. Hill, Wolf, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk