**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
**July26, 2021**

Monday, July 26, 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, Tim Hill, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioners 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 July 12, 2021 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Pass: Smith. 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**

Resident John Frideres addressed the Board requesting progress on clean up of yards. Mayor Serena reported that three cars have been removed and the Village has mowed three different properties for which liens will be placed. He commented that as long as the grass is cut, the Village cannot force an owner to trim trees and bushes.

Resident Dan Bell addressed the Board regarding clean up, mentioning several properties that need attention. He complimented Mike Pokornicki on cleaning up his property. Residents Barb Phillips and Charlotte Morris also commented on clean up. Phillips commented that the Village should send a general letter to residents to suggest cleaning up their properties.

**Agenda –**

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 certain equipment, annual inspections, adding other types of vehicles, liability issues with our insurance company. Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Smith, to table approval and further discussion of the ordinance to a future meeting Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Hill, and Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was presented

**Reports**

**Attorney Bryan Wellner** – Absent

**Comm. Hileman** – Absent

**Comm. Smith** – Asked about the sink hole next to the railroad tracks on Carbon Hill Road. Mayor Serena responded that it dates back to when the railroad did some directional boring related to the high speed rail but the hole did not appear until later. The railroad and the state will not take responsibility for the hole. He also brought up the condition of Route 129.

**Comm. Hill –** Nothing to report

**Comm. Wolf –** Nothing to report

**Casey McCollom –** Updating on the water, he reported that there is some touch up painting to be done and the disinfection fill is scheduled for next week.

**Clerk Malinowski** – Nothing to report

**Mayor Serena** – He has received a letter from Grundy County Animal Control. The Village has been without animal control since 2017 when the Village declined to renew the contract. He requested permission to talk to Animal Control regarding negotiating a contract to give dangerous animals or dog bites precedence over patrols and strays.

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 7:44 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk