VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2021

Monday, December 13, 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 Dick Hileman, Erik Smith, and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Rob Wolf and Tim Hill were absent. Also present was Village Engineer Casey McCollom. Village Attorney Bryan Wellner was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 22, 2021 were presented. Mayor Serena made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Mayor Serena. Pass: Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Resident Don Phillips was on the agenda regarding train horns, but was not present for the meeting.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-06 An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the 2022 Fiscal Year, second by Smith. It must be filed by the fourth Tuesday in December and is the same as last year. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman moved to approve Christmas Bonuses of $100 for each full time employee and $75 for one part time employee to be paid from the Scrap Fund, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to award Christmas Decorating Contest winners, $100 for first place, $75 for second place, $50 for third place, to be paid from Gaming Fund, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to table 2022 meeting schedules to the next meeting as they were not prepared, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to pay employees four hours of holiday pay on Friday, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, since those holidays fall on Saturday this year, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business –

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Reported that Grundy County overpaid the Village on the Industrial TIF, which resulted to an overpayment to the High School. We have requested a reimbursement from GSW and will pay their final TIF II payment when we are paid back.

Comm. Smith – The hole at the railroad tracks at Carbon Hill Road is growing larger and needs to be addressed.

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Casey McCollom – Affluent situation at the sewer plant is resolved and will be monitored in the spring. Comm. Smith questioned the water tower rating in the event of a tornado.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – The Tree Lighting ceremony went off well. He extended thanks to Dibble Enterprises for loaning the lift; Don Phillips provided the sound system; Pastor Jan from the Church of Hope was present; the Lions served hot chocolate and treats; Mr. and Mrs. Claus visited with the children; Jackie Serena contributed bags for Mr. and Mrs. Claus to distribute; Regina and Paul Chase assisted with decorating; and Dan Anderson and John Holmeyer had their families there for the presentation of the Christmas ornament.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk