VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2022

Monday, January 10, 2022, 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, Rob Wolf, and Mayor Mike Serena. Comm. Dick Hileman and Tim Hill were absent. Village Attorney Bryan Wellner and Village Engineer Casey McCollom were absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of December 13, 2021 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, 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 Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Resident Don Phillips was on the agenda regarding train horns. He passed on presentation, but reserved the right to comment if the subject was brought up during the meeting. Mayor Serena has talked to Grundy County Clerk Kay Olson regarding placing a referendum on the ballot. He suggested holding a public forum to inform residents about the train horn issue. A tentative date of February 22 or 23 was decided, to be held at the American Legion. He will notify the Village Attorney once a date is set.

Comm. Wolf moved to approve the 2022 meeting schedules for the Village Board and Planning & Zoning Board, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business –

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Smith – Heard some complaints that the lot across from the bank was not plowed or salted when it snowed. Mayor Serena reported that the lot was full at that time and it was cleared and salted the next day.

He reported that some road work and sidewalks need to be done. Mayor Serena suggested that he make lists for appropriations. Also discussed was the hole on Carbon Hill Road. The railroad was given the bid but there has been no response. The road at Jackson and Main also needs some work. It might be wise to obtain bids soon, we might get better prices before the construction season starts.

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Residents have been driving up to the mailboxes and leaving ruts in the right-of-way. He asked whether the water tower has lights and if there are supposed to be lights. That would be a question for Casey, and Don Phillips commented that the height requirement is 200 feet.

Casey McCollom – Absent

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – Announced the Outdoor Decorating Contest winners: First, JASON & NICOLE PRZENIESLO - 707 S JACKSON; Second, JAMES & JENNIFER OLSON - 201 W MAZON; and Third, JOE PRZENIESLO, 201 S JACKSON. Down one Maintenance worker, the roads are in good shape and we are fine on salt. Recycle schedules are available in the office.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk