VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2022

Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dick Hileman called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call – Commissioners Rob Wolf, Erik Smith, and Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Mayor Mike Serena and Comm. Tim Hill were absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was present and Village Attorney Bryan Wellner was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 28, 2022 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. 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 Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Smith, to approve Resolution No. 001-R2022, "A Resolution to Place on the June 28, 2022 Primary Election Ballot an Advisory Referendum Regarding Silencing Train Horns." Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Mayor Pro Tem Hileman.

Casey's and the American Legion are holding a combined Easter Egg Hunt this year. Comm. Wolf moved to approve a donation of $100 to the Easter Egg Hunt from the gaming fund, second by Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Mayor Pro Tem Hileman.

The owners of a property at the northwest corner of Main and Railroad Streets have offered to donate the property to the Village. The Village would be responsible for deed transfer and fees, and demolition of the building. There might also be an issue of asbestos. Mayor Pro Tem Hileman moved to table the issue and look into possible options to dispose of or sell the property, second by Wolf. Resident Benny Grant, who was in the audience, offered to talk to the owner to resolve the matter. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Wolf, Mayor Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business –

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Hileman – Reported on the status of the Don Reed court case. He has 45 days to clean up his property or the Village will be allowed to remove vehicles or other personal property and clean up the yard. The Mayor has designated a date of April 1 for other properties to be cleaned up or face further legal proceedings. We have signed the contract with Stewart to clean up the sewer plant. Rachke will remove the cap off the well water on the south side and the cap off the finish water coming out of the softeners to run a camera to see how much needs to be replaced.

A meeting has been set up with Rep. Jackie Haas and a railroad representative at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, here at the Village Hall. No response has been received from Senator Joyce. The ditch needs to be burned and cleaned up.

Comm. Smith – Working with Casey on bids for the street maintenance program. Casey has checked into some pricing. Several streets are being considered.

No further work is being done at the Royal Blue.

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Nothing furthetr

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – Absent

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 Pro Tem Hileman. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk