VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 28, 2022

Monday, March 28, 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 Rob Wolf, Tim Hill, Dick Hileman, Erik Smith, and Mayor Mike Serena. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was present and Village Attorney Bryan Wellner was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of March 14, 2022 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith. Pass – Hill, Mayor Serena. 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 Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Comments

No public comments were presented

Agenda –

Comm. Hileman talked to Sheriff Briley on March 17 for the contract. Comm. Hill questioned the length of the contract. The contract is based on $40 per resident based on the 2020 census, with a 3% increase each year. The total is lower due to a decrease in our population. The contract is valid for eight, until the next census. A deputy will be present whenever vehicles need to be towed; we will have a copy of the court order on hand to authorize the vehicle removal. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the contract, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Hill, to waive demolition permit fees for the building at Railroad and Main. The structure must be removed within six months. A JULIE was requested today and they are waiting for Com Ed to disconnect power. Roll call – Ayes: Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Smith, to approve two Resolutions for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code for the street program. One resolution, in the amount of $170,000, is for use of Motor Fuel Tax funds. The other, in the amount of $75,98.79 is for use of Rebuild Illinois Fund. Roll call – Ayes: Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business –

No unfinished business was presented

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Met on Monday with the railroad personnel as well as Illinois Representative Jackie Haas regarding the hole at Carbon Hill Road. The railroad is responsible for one end of the tie to the other end of the tie at any railroad crossing in Illinois. The State owns the right of way, but it is our responsibility to maintain. They suggested using ARPA funds to repair the hole, but we have already allocated that money to use for sewer and water plant improvements. The railroad will not give up property but will let us use if it is maintained. Carbon Hill Road is ours from railroad tie to 53.

Comm. Smith – Fatlan had submitted a bid of $27,000 to repair the hole at Carbon Hill Road. Reviewed several streets with Casey that need repair.

Comm. Hill – Listed several properties with abandoned vehicles. 111 N Jackson has already been in court.

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Nothing further

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report.

Mayor Serena – Nothing to report

At 7:34 p.m. Comm. Wolf made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS120/2(c)11of The Open Meetings Act, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

At 8:43 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Hill, with agreement by the entire board. Motion passed.

Wiley Smith has given notice. An ad is to be placed in the Morris Paper with requirement to have a CDL. Starting rate at $25 with CDL, up to $30 with water/sewer certification.

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. Wolf, Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk