**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**
**June 27, 2022**

Monday, June 27, 2022, at 7:01 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, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioner Rob Wolf was absent. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was also present. Village Attorney Bryan Wellner was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of June 13, 2022 were presented. Comm. Smith made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Mayor Serena. Pass: Hileman, Hill. 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. Hileman, Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

**Public Comments** – No public comments were presented.

**Unfinished Business** – No unfinished business was presented

**Agenda**

An amended proposal from the previously accepted bid from Alliance Fence Corp., to provide a price in the event that the gate posts would require replacement, resulted in an additional cost of $6,097.00, which would bring the new total to $13,897.00 versus the Marchio Fence bid of $9,863.44 who had quoted with the replacement posts. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the acceptance of the Marchio bid, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Further discussion was held regarding a chicken ordinance. After reviewing neighboring municipalities' ordinances, several issues were brought up such as: number of chickens allowed, no roosters, location of coop, fenced-in yard, shed permit, limit number of permits, minimum fee (inspection fee), fine for not adhering, storage of feed, cleaning requirements, what happens to chickens in case of revocation of permit, in Zone R-2 only unless prohibited by development covenant (Marketti), must conform with Village codes. Further discussion involved coming up with a procedure to bring those already with chickens in compliance. It was suggested to make rules as strict as possible because at some point someone will legally challenge.

Commissioner Hileman reviewed the Appropriations Ordinance, indicating changes made to last year's ordinance. Electric and gas bills are increasing, but the water tower is now complete so that went to zero. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-04, "An Ordinance Making Appropriations for All Corporate Purposes for the Village of Gardner, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023", second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

**Reports**

**Attorney Bryan Wellner** – Absent

**Comm. Hileman –** Chris Cook was here today to hook up the lift station at Ida Lane on the computer then he will be doing the one out at Dibble's. Chris needs to assign an ID# for Carl to have access to the computer and hopes to have that done by Wednesday. Stewart Spreading permits are moving along. They have asked for names of some farmers for the purpose of dumping some of the waste so it doesn't require trucking out. Rachke will be doing further piping at the water plant. The reservoir needs to be cleaned, hasn't been done in about five years.

**Comm. Smith** – Asked McCollom about the Safe Route to Schools grants for sidewalk improvements. He suggested that the Board meet with the school boards or superintendents and have a conversation before the next grant cycle. McCollom will obtain further information for him. Also, the grass came in at the water tower and it looks very nice, although the Mayor still is not happy about the sidewalk.

**Comm. Hill** – Nothing to report

**Comm. Wolf** – Absent

**Casey McCollom** – Delay in the street program due to asphalt manufacturers out of stock because of quarries on strike. Regarding the 4" line on Dwight Street, the last break needs to be re-dug.

**Clerk Malinowski** – We have received a thank you from the Gardner Area Band Boosters for the trip donation and a $100 donation toward the two-celled jail from the Cadillac and LaSalle Club. The diner car needs to be repainted and the stairway redone. The audit took place on June 24 and no significant discrepancies were determined.

**Mayor Serena** – Our attorney is sending letters regarding property concerns, vehicles and yard clean up. Pop-up pools are allowed, however, if they have electric to them, even if it is just a cord, they need to be inspected. If a pool is not in use, the ladder needs to be up or removed.

At 8:02 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS120/2(c)11of The Open Meetings Act, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

At 8:56 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Hill, with agreement by the entire board. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to increase the hourly rate for the clerks by $2.00, to $18.00 per hour, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman raised the issue of getting the hole at the railroad crossing at Carbon Hill Road. Mayor Serena suggested Conley, mentioning the excellent job they did on the Dwight Street break. The railroad representative and Casey needs to get involved because District 3 said that if we need pipe, they would pay for the pipe.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Hill Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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*Pat Malinowski, Clerk*