VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 25, 2022

Monday, July 25, 2022, at 7:02 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, Dick Hileman, Erik Smith, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioner Tim Hill 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 July 11, 2022 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, 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 Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was not presented, corrections to be made.

Public Comments –

Resident Dan Bell addressed the Board regarding several issues he has heard about. He was told that Casey's wanted to expand their building and they were told they had to hire union workers, and the same thing was told to Pilot when they showed interest in the 5 acre property; whether there were any non-union bids for the water tower; also about the sinkhole at the railroad tracks at Carbon Hill Road, if that is owned by the Village.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

A draft chicken ordinance was presented for review, to be discussed at the next meeting. Several additional issues were brought up: Maximum number of chickens – 8; How to remove chickens in the event of revocation of the license in consideration of animal rights groups; limit on number of permits - 15; permits to owners only, not renters; in rear yards only, not on empty lots; there should be a pilot program.

Comm. Hileman moved to approve the Fiscal 2022 Audit Report, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – One CD around $500,000 came due and kept at Peoples Bank of Kewaunee at 1.25 for 12 months. Morris Bank was 1.0 and Old National was .012. We are still not able to get into Old National's system to access our accounts. Katy Bodine has been transferred to Coal City.

Comm. Smith – Nothing to report

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – He has sent letters to IDOT to verify that they would still be on board to supply materials to repair the sinkhole at Carbon Hill Road and Route 53. He has submitted a sketch proposing suggested repairs and is waiting replies.

As far as the road projects that are on hold – the quarries are shut down and have voted down the most recent contract proposition and the state is not authorizing any new sources for state mix. Once the strike is settled, there would probably be a one week notice to begin work.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Hileman is still waiting on Test results. The ponds are up with recent rains. He took motors in for repair, they haven't been greased. Carl will set up a schedule to grease monthly. It would cost around $2,200 for a new one.

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, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk