VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2022

Monday, September 12, 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 Dick Hileman, Erik Smith, Rob Wolf, 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 August 22, 2022 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, 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 Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August was presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to not accept the Treasurer's Reports as printed, second by Wolf, because Motor Fuel Tax on page 3 is incorrect. There is a recurring problem with the bank because Lynn cannot get into the computer to get the statement for MFT. There is a password problem and he has talked to a manager in Peotone who is expected to return a call to him. Roll call – Ayes: Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Public Comments – No public comments were presented

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

Mayor Serena moved to appoint Rodney Platt (Braceville) as temporary building inspector, second by Hileman. Roll call – Ayes: Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Matt Baskerville of Reeves Funeral Home addressed the Board to seek approval regarding the installation of a crematory in the garage of the facility. They are presently using the services of a crematory in Joliet but would like to add the option to their business. Jakob Parduhn of Armil CFS, who will be doing the installation, was also present to answer any questions. Other crematories in the area are also located in residential zones. Mayor Serena's concerns were noise/smell/smoke. Parduhn answered that there would be no odor, the noise would be about the same as an air conditioner, and they are designed to emit no visible smoke. Baskerville also added that staff would be on site daily and there might also be the option for viewing the cremation, which is becoming more popular. Once they receive approval from the Village, the timeline would be about three to four months to be operational. The Village attorney will be contacted to confirm that the crematory would be permitted in the downtown area as part of the funeral services.

Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Wolf, to approve the changes made to the chicken ordinance by the Village attorney. Roll call – Ayes: Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. A public hearing will be held on October 3 with the Planning & Zoning Committee for the purpose of amending the zoning code to permit keeping hens in the R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – He received a call from Chuck Rachke that the pipes are ready and will be installed on Wednesday or Thursday. Installation is expected to be 10-12 hours. Carl will contact Tyler to be on site.

Lynn received an email that salt will be increased to $146/ton ($14 increase) along with a $335 surcharge. He is looking for an alternative supplier.

Comm. Smith – Asked about the expected start date on Washington Street work, it is scheduled for late this week.

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – Contacted the EPA regarding the Stewart permit and they will do what they can to push it forward.

Clerk Malinowski – Thank you cards have been received from the family of Ida Schopp and Church of Hope for the donation in her memory.

Mayor Serena – The Route 66 sign was installed on August 26. On August 27 clean up was done at Don Reed's residence by the Village. Mayor Serena, Carl Marks, Erik Smith and Tim Wagner moved about five loads to the burn pile. On September 10, Mayor Serena and Erik Smith and son worked at the sewer plant gate location. Smith did mention that the combination hoe needs a backup alarm.

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: Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk