VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 26, 2022

Monday, September 26, 2022, at 7:15 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 Erik Smith, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Commissioners Rob Wolf and Dick Hileman 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 September 12, 2022 were presented. Comm. Smith made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Pass – Hill. Motion passed.

A list of current bills was presented. Comm. Hill moved to approve the payment of the bills as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of August was presented. Comm. Smith made motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Public Comments – Residents Betsy Hennessy and Toni Johnson addressed the Board regarding street lights in the Jackson South subdivision. Information was passed on to the developer. Light poles were purchased from Joliet that were being replaced and installed. Further research will be done and reported on at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

Comm. Hill made motion, second by Smith, to set Halloween trick or treat hours at 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, with a backup date of Tuesday, November 1, in case of inclement weather on Monday. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Absent

Comm. Smith – Washington Street has been completed, some other areas to be determined. McCollom indicated that shoulder fill was not included in the bid and other work still needs to be done: the patch at Jefferson, Jackson and Main, Pine Street near the church, Jackson near the tracks. They should be done within the next two weeks, with probably a day's notice. There are others that could be done, but that will be determined as far as the budget goes.

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Absent

Casey McCollom – IDOT approved the plan for Carbon Hill Road in writing. Piping has been ordered, they will do the striping which will save us around $5,000. We will be responsible for the construction as well as the asphalt. He will reach out to the railroad when the work is scheduled. We would be responsible to contact the sheriff, fire/EMS, Grade School and High School. The road will probably be closed 2½ to 3 days.

Regarding the quiet zone, the railroads have committed to tentative dates of October 25-27 but we are waiting for them to assign a third party contractor that they use. The partial quiet zone is possible under the federal register but no one else has it statewide.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing

Mayor Serena – We have a new maintenance worker who started last week. We have made improvements at the water plant.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hill, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk