VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2022

Monday, October 10, 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, 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 September 26, 2022 were presented. Comm. Smith made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Pass – Hileman, Wolf. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments – Residents Toni Johnson and Betsy Hennessy addressed the Board regarding street lights in the Jackson South subdivision. ComEd will be contacted to install the streetlights once pole locations are determined.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

Comm. Hileman made motion, second by Smith, to approve the emergency repair of a culvert on Carbon Hill Road by Conley Excavating in an amount not to exceed $65,000. This will be a T & M project, material will be supplied from IDOT at no charge, to be paid from the general fund. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve Planning & Zoning Recommendation in regards to a proposed Zoning Code Amendment to allow backyard chickens in R-1 and R-2 zoning districts, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman moved to approve an ordinance to amend Section 9.05.020 of the Village of Gardner Code or Ordinances to allow backyard chickens and Section 15.15.050(B) to allow keeping of backyard chickens as an accessory use, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Wolf, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Blue Sky proposed setting up a domain for the Village instead of using a third party like Kraus for our emails. This would alleviate potential hacking of emails and they submitted a quote of $1,978.

The backup on the backhoe had been disconnected and the bucket was froze; they have been repaired. Work has also been done to the emergency brake on the skidsteer. The John Deere tractor is over at J & R because it couldn’t be started and the fuel pump went out.

EPA was out on Wednesday to do an inspection on the sewer plant. It went well but we are waiting for the written report. The barley bales for the were made up wrong, so they were instructed on how to do it right. They need to be changed twice a year, every April and October. The aerator went out again. The garage door needs to be fixed and Overhead Door will be contacted.

Comm. Smith – Presented photographs of road issues on Industry Drive and Lutz Road, and asked Casey if it is possible to add these to the bid.

Comm. Hill – Absent

Comm. Wolf – Asked Casey when the new roads will be striped.

Casey McCollom – Regarding Carbon Hill Road, IDOT has the material in and will hold it until we are ready. He has nothing in writing but verbally they have said they would be here the 27th to 28th. The Village will contact sheriff, fire/EMS, Grade School and High School. UPRR will use a third party for engineering study and an agreement will need to be signed, $3,000-5,000 estimate per crossing. The EPA has issued the permit and we are free to start at any time.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing

Mayor Serena – Discussed possibly purchasing a laptop for the maintenance workers for testing. A camera and speakers are required for testing. It can also be used to take classes online for continuing education.

The Route 66 monument dedication was held on October 5. We are required to maintain it until 2026, which is the 100th anniversary of Route 66

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

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk