VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2022

Monday, November 14, 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 Tim Hill, Dick Hileman, Erik Smith, 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 October 10, 2022 were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Pass – Hill, Smith. 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. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Reports for the months of September and October were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Public Comments – No public comments were presented

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

Comm. Hileman moved to approve Ordinance 2022-06 Amending the Village of Gardner Code of Ordinance to Permit Licensing of Backyard Chickens (Hens), second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting to be held Sunday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m., second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. Mayor Serena mentioned that the Lions Club will serve hot chocolate and treats, Mr./Mrs. Claus will be in attendance and at Curley's after the ceremony, there will be gift bags for the children

Comm. Hileman moved to approve the Grundy County Animal Control contract for the period December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 at a cost of $2,073 for the year. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve Resolution R2022-04 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (for the street program) – Motor Fuel Tax Fund, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve Resolution R2022-05 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (for the street program) Rebuild Illinois Fund, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

These resolutions are amended from R2022-02 and R2022-03. The total remains the same, appropriations were revised due to an additional amount received for the Rebuild Illinois Fund.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – They are cleaning the ponds and are going to start trucking it out tomorrow. They were 50-60% full. Saturday night they cleaned up pond one, today they pumped two off into one. They will pump 1.5 million gallons out, which will be around 250

semi loads. Aerators need to be greased before they are put back in. Barley bales need to be done. Dick and Tyler will meet with the maintenance workers to put together some check lists. Carl and Scott will be in tomorrow at 5:00 a.m. to drain the water tower, Rachke will finish at the water plant tomorrow.

He pointed out that the general checking account shows around $1 million, but when you look at the Treasurer's Report and Motor Fuel checking and TIF checking, we are down to about $500,000 that we can use in the general fund. Salt for the water plant has gone up $20/ton, right now it's at $150. Twenty times a load, that's $400. They are charging anywhere from $235-$300 to truck it in. We get a load about every six weeks, that's an addition to the water plant of $7700 a year.

We redid a CD at 3.3% at Peoples National Bank at Dwight.

Received a proposal on the domain, the additional cost per year would be $184.

Comm. Smith – Finishing up on streets in town. No patching done on the frontage road.

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Absent.

Casey McCollom – Regarding Carbon Hill Road, in the center was the original culvert which was still there and buried. They chose not to take it out and replace it. They butted up to it, it did not impact the east side at all.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing

Mayor Serena – Regarding the street lights on Jackson, we were in contact with ComEd - three lights will be installed and one pole needs to be replaced. The Joint Review Board for TIF was held on October 26. There were no issues on Halloween. A Veterans Day program was held on Friday, November 11 at the American Legion with around 75 in attendance. Paul Meincke was the guest speaker. He is involved with the Honor Flight.

A resident requested a sign for Autistic child at East Wilmington and Center.

The Tree lighting will be as usual on Sunday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m.

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. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk