VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 28, 2022

Monday, November 28, 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, Tim Hill, and Mayor Mike Serena. Village Engineer Casey McCollom was also present. Village Attorney Bryan Wellner was absent. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 14, 2022 were presented. Comm. Hill made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Pass – Wolf. 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. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Public Comments – Resident Rick Marketti requested a status on streetlights on South Jackson. ComEd has been contacted and reported that one of the poles needs to be replaced since it is hollow. We are now subject to ComEd's scheduling and have no further information on when to expect installation. He also requested a replacement stop sign at Peck and Cookie Lane. He also requested street signs at Ida Lane (for Ida Lane) and Jackson Street, and Jackson Street and Parker (no sign indicating Jackson Street).

Mr. Marketti mentioned the possibility of donating the empty lot next to the old Royal Blue to the Village. He further requested an update on work being done at the Royal Blue. Work has been stopped until an engineering inspection is submitted.

The ditch around town needs to be maintained.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

Comm. Hileman made motion to award Christmas Decorating Contest winners, $100 for first place, $75 for second place, $50 for third place, to be paid from Gaming Fund, second by Smith. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – The sewer plant has been cleaned and another 50 loads were hauled out which will probably be around $40,000, which will be due to be paid by the first of the year.

We have one small leak at the water plant and he will get in touch with Rachke. Concrete that was cut out by the post office needs to be replaced.

Instead of putting water back in the pond, he has contacted the EPA and it was decided that we would fill just on natural water coming in. Samples will be done in November but we probably won't be able to do any sampling in December or January.

Comm. Smith – Asked Casey whether they were supposed to the alley behind the post office when they did the streets in town. It was discussed but did not make the final plan.

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – A number of street signs are faded and need to be replaced.

Casey McCollom – Regarding the Ray Serena property, our attorney has added further provisions to the Highway Authority Agreement before we would sign off. Tim Hill suggested that the maintenance workers should be on site when there is a water leak emergency to learn how to repair leaks.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing

Mayor Serena – The tree lighting was held on Sunday, November 27. He extended thank you's to Dibble Trucking for providing the lift; his family for helping to decorate; Don Phillips as emcee; Mike Engfer represented the Lions and served hot chocolate; Curley's for the banquet room; Teresa Smith and Gardner Fire District for the Festival of Trees; Dawn Mack for decorating the planters. Tom and Karen Perkins were the recipients of the special ornament this year. Around 100 were present at the tree lighting ceremony.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Hill, Mayor Serena. Nays – None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk