VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 27, 2023

Monday, March 27, 2023, 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, Erik Smith, Dick Hileman, Rob Wolf, 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 March 13, 2023, were presented. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Wolf. Nays: None. Pass: Mayor Serena. Motion passed.

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

Public Comments

Resident Jessica Patrick (Creative Gemz) addressed the Board regarding an event similar to Morris's "Junk in the Trunk" to be held once a month on a Sunday from May through October. Vendor fees of $15 would be donated to charity and it would be open to direct sales, antique sellers, crafters, artisans, farmer's market, food truck vendors. They would like permission to use the Village lot across from the bank. Jessica will take responsibility to maintain the area and make sure it is cleaned up after the events. She requested that the Village supply only picnic tables and a garbage can. Mayor Serena stated that food vendors and food trucks will require a current permit from the Grundy County Health Department. Comm. Hileman made motion to grant permission to use the Village property across from the bank for "Junk in the Trunk" events, second by Hill. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

Marion Gore (president) and Mary Collins (executive director), representing the Grundy County Historical Society, were present for the approval of a proclamation, proclaiming May 31, 2023, as Grundy County Historical Society Day. Marion Gore addressed the Board about the 100th anniversary of the Society on May 31. An invitation to attend an Open House which will be held on Sunday, May 7, at the Museum. Mayor Serena read the proclamation before Comm. Hileman made motion to approve, second by Wolf. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Comm. Hileman moved to approve marking for railroad crossings, and to approve center striping for Depot and Liberty Streets plus parking spots and handicap spots, second by Smith. Work will be done by the same contractor used for the streets that were repaved in 2022. We will get a two-day notice when the company will perform the work; temperature needs to be at least 50°. Once a list is submitted to Casey, a cost can be determined. Roll call – Ayes: Comm. Hill, Hileman, Smith, Wolf, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hileman – Provided a quote for concrete steps for the Diner Car, to be placed on the next agenda for discussion/approval. Water plant pipes have all been painted, floor needs to be done. Chris Cook needs to be called regarding Wifi down in the water plant, Carl is not getting alarms.

Comm. Smith – Several sidewalks need to be done. Jeremy is a concrete finisher and our maintenance workers can do the work, and it would save money. Smith commented that the village should purchase tools, and any materials for our village workers to be able to dig up, form, and pour our own sidewalks in town. This will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. A map will be created to determine where work needs to be done. McCollom recommended four feet wide. Alleys also need attention when the weather turns.

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Wolf – Nothing to report

Casey McCollom – No further updates.

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Distributed a flyer for the tractor show to be held the Sunday of Red Carpet, May 7. A request has been made for a donation for Prom Lock-In, which will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Updated on the streetlights for South Jackson – ComEd will need to install an additional pole and a final walk down will be done the week of March 27. Once any changes are made, there will be one more check and then it will go to planning. Once it goes to planning they can give a better idea of when the work will be done.

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, Wolf. Nays: None. Pass: Mayor Serena. Motion passed Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk