VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2023

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

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

Public Comments

Resident Rick Marketti addressed the Board regarding the ditches. Mayor Serena indicated that some have been done and would be finished if and when conditions are right. Regarding repairs to Carbon Hill Road, Mayor Serena stated that he was not satisfied with the work that P T Ferro did. They are not interested in fixing the road. Deterioration began before one year from the time of construction so it should be guaranteed. We will get someone else and they will pay. In the meantime, it could be cold patched to prevent further damage.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business was presented

Agenda

Comm. Wolf made motion, second by Smith, to approve Ordinance #2023-05, "An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 20, 2024 of the Village of Gardner, County of Grundy and State of Illinois". Roll call – Ayes: Hill, Wolf, Kingma, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Comm. Hill commented that he would discuss with Mack how to proceed if an increase is necessary in the future, but for this year we are going to leave it the same.

Comm. Kingma made motion, second by Wolf, to dispose of surplus vehicles/equipment via sealed bid with a reserve. Bids would be opened at a future regular board meeting. Solicitation of bids would be advertised in newspapers for two weeks as well as Facebook postings. Minimum bids will also need to be determined. Roll call – Ayes: Hill, Wolf, Kingma, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. In the meantime, equipment could be offered to the Village of Dwight if needed. Dwight experienced a fire to their public works building over the weekend that destroyed all of their equipment and vehicles.

Comm. Hill moved to pay a Christmas bonus of $300 to each Village employee, second by Smith, to be paid from the scrap metal fund. Roll call – Ayes: Hill, Wolf, Kingma, Smith, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Reports

Attorney Bryan Wellner – Absent

Comm. Hill – Nothing to report

Comm. Smith – Nothing to report

Comm. Kingma – Talked to a resident with a vehicle parked on Village right-of-way before Thanksgiving, but it hasn't been moved yet and wanted to know the next steps. Mayor Serena

advised him to document with photographs and make sure the tags are valid, and then notify Village staff with the information so our attorney can send a letter.

He picked up 103 barley bales at $20.00 each.

Comm. Wolf – Asked about the ordinance for home businesses in regard to Gentry. They have moved out equipment that was on the property.

Casey McCollom – Nothing to report

Clerk Malinowski – Nothing to report

Mayor Serena – Since this is the last meeting for the calendar year, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The outdoor decorating contest will be judged on December 22. Congratulations to the Gardner Grade School 7th grade basketball sectional and regional champs. Added, once again, that Dwight is our neighbor and we would offer whatever assistance we can as a result of their public works building fire.

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: Smith, Wolf, Kingma, Mayor Serena. Nays: None. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk