The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 12, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Hibler, Marketti and Mayor Wise; Comm. Hileman was absent and Comm. Rankovich arrived at 7:15 p.m.. (*Also attending: Clerk Barb Bexson,&Attorney Scott Belt)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 22 regular Board Meeting were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Marketti second by Comm. Hibler; upon roll, motion passed.

The listing of bills was accepted for payment with motion by Comm. Hibler, second by Comm. Marketti; upon roll, motion passed. An additional bill, payable to the Grundy County Sheriff's Department in the amount of $1031.00 was also accepted for payment; motion made by Mayor Wise, seconded by Comm. Hibler; upon roll, Comm. Marketti passed while Mayor Wise and Comm. Hibler voted in favor.

Mayor Wise began by announcing that George Churchill had recently received his Class A water license and with this, the Council approved a 25 cent per hour salary increase. This motion was made by Comm. Hibler with second by Comm. Marketti; all agreed upon roll vote.

The Council discussed, at length, repairs needing to be made to the dumptruck for it to pass State road inspections. Public Works Director George Churchill outlined repair items, estimating the cost to be about $1500, although an actual cost estimate has not yet been received from O'Hare Trucking. Mayor Wise told George to inform him of the actual amount when received. At this time Comm. Rankovich arrived and added that he feels the truck needs to be repaired until the Village is in a position to purchase a replacement.

George also asked for direction for the towing of vehicles in the business district after snowfall. The Council reminded of the ordinance stating that vehicles are not to be parked on streets in the business district when 2 or more inches of snow is expected; however, all agreed that towing is not always necessary when a snowplow can go through a second time to clear an area when the vehicles are removed. Responding to Comm. Marketti, George told it takes approximately 5 hours for the department to make one round of snowplowing through the Village.

George next informed of a recent watermain break that was under an area that had been concreted by the property owner. It was agreed that the Village repair and replace with gravel; any concrete replacement is the responsibility of the property owner.

Lastly, George reported on two check valves that need replacement at the water plant, each costing about $2200. Comm. Marketti will contact Mike Perry to discuss.

After Mayor Wise brought up street light outages previously reported but not yet repaired, the Clerk told that these and others have again this date been reported to ComEd.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 p.m. by Comm. Hibler, seconded by Comm. Rankovich with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner