The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Rankovich, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. (*Also attending: Clerk Barb Bexson, Engineer Mike Perry & Attorney Scott Belt)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January 26 regular Board Meeting were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman second by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll, Comm. Rankovich passed; all others voted in favor.

The listing of bills was next presented. It was moved by Comm. Hileman that the bill for Barry Plumbing & Heating ($1,263.00), Chamlin & Assoc. ($6,306.00) and Chamlin & Assoc. ($1,550.00) be removed from the list and bills be accepted and paid as amended. Second was made by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll motion passed. Comm. Hileman also asked for an additional bill to be paid in the amount of $1,031.00 to the Grundy County Sheriff's Department for contractual service for the month of February and second was made by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll, Comm. Marketti passed, all others voted in favor.

Under the agenda, Comm. Hileman presented and made motion to accept Ordinance No. VG04-382, providing for the abatement of taxes in connection with the issue of General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997 for the fiscal year May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004. After second by Comm. Rankovich, motion passed upon roll.

Comm. Marketti asked that the employee report, as specified in the new employee policy, be prepared and distributed by the Clerk.

The Clerk presented the Council with information and a request on behalf of the sesquicentennial committee for the purchase of three (3) showcases for the Village Hall council room for display of memorabilia at a cost of $2,393.70. The Council agreed to this purchase with monies to be taken from the improvement fund. Motion by Comm. Marketti, seconded by Comm. Hileman; roll vote was unanimous.

Mike Perry of Chamlin & Assoc. began with an update on the progress of the radium removal facility project, explaining problems that have recently occurred with the start-up operations. Concerns discussed were the operation of the computers, the tank overflow, a recent water leak, the phone and alarm system and need for replacement of flow meter heads. Also present was Ivan Phillips of Peerless who spoke to give an explanation of some of the difficulties that have occurred with their equipment, along with corrective actions that have and are being taken.

Council Members and Mike also talked over the possible need and cost for the 3rd softener to be hooked up. Mike explained that if this is to be connected, the Village must go back to the EPA for a permit
Lastly, Mayor Wise announced that newly appointed State Representative Careen Gordon will visit Gardner at the Village Hall on Monday, February 23 from 5 to 7 pm. Rep. Gordon will be available to visit with and answer questions from residents at this time and will also attend the Council Meeting that same evening.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Comm. Rankovich seconded by Comm. Hibler with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner