The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Hibler, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. Comm. Rankovich was absent. (*Also attending: Clerk Barb Bexson, Engineer Mike Perry & Attorney Scott Belt)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 9 regular Board Meeting were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman second by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll, all present voted in favor.

The Financial Report for the month of January was next reviewed. Motion to accept and place on file was made by Comm. Marketti, seconded by Comm. Hileman; upon roll, all present agreed.

The listing of bills was also accepted for payment with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler; motion passed upon roll call.

Mayor Wise began by recognizing and welcoming 75th District State Representative Careen M. Gordon. After being presented with a key to the Village by Mayor Wise, Rep. Gordon told she had met with some Village residents earlier in the evening and stayed to personally meet all Council Members and to offer assistance when needed. She reminded that she maintains an office in Coal City and will be happy to answer questions and hear concerns from all area residents.

Attorney Belt first gave an update on court actions related to the abandoned vehicle citations issued; there was one guilty plea with a fine of $50 and a February 25 date to comply, two had pled not guilty, with a bench trial date to be set and the last had a court date needing to be rescheduled.

Regarding the Forsythe property, 410 W. Jefferson St., all monies owed to the Village have been recovered and a release of lien claim prepared and filed.

As the Village's garbage contract with WasteManagement is to expire this year, Attorney Belt suggested that it may be in the best interest of the Village to put this out to bid.

Comm Hileman gave a brief update on finances, stating that the Village is in good shape at this time. He added that there are monies in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and feels needed street repairs should be done this year.

Comm. Marketti told that George Churchill provided him with pricing from Flow-Technics for a pump and installation. After review, he feels this should not be done at this time.

Mike Perry of Chamlin & Assoc. again gave updated information on the radium removal project, stating that some items still need to be addressed but the quality of water being produced is excellent.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti, with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner