The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 22, 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 Guy Christensen & Attorney John Bates).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March 8 regular Board Meeting were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman second by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll, Comm. Marketti passed; all others present voted in favor.

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

The listing of bills was next read and accepted for payment with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler; motion passed upon roll vote.

Attorney Bates began with a review of the draft of the bid specifications for the Village's garbage contract. Council Members went over various line items including yard waste pickup, contract term length, no-charge spring and fall town cleanup dates, prevailing wage issues, purchase vs. lease of totes, free large item pickup and retention of Monday as the collection day. Attorney Bates will make draft revisions to include those items discussed.

An update was also given by Attorney Bates on the abandoned vehicle citations issued by the Village.

The Clerk reported that results of the January Motor Fuel Tax Fund audit by the Illinois Department of Transportation have been received, showing that all records are in order and agreement with State records. It was moved by Comm. Marketti and seconded by Comm. Hileman to accept and place this audit report on file; motion passed with unanimous roll vote.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. gave an update on the radium removal facility project. It was agreed that he will co-ordinate a date for the contractors involved with the facility for them to be on site to go over and correct items yet needing attention.

Guy also reported that a listing of the streets and costs estimates for repairs is being finalized. He then was asked to prepare an additional estimate for replacement of all street signs within the Village.

Concerning the East Street Storm Sewer Project completed by S.A. Issert Construction Company, Guy related that neither he nor the Clerk have record of final payment being made to the contractor. As the project is complete, a motion to make this final payment of $3,404.88 to Issert was made by Comm. Hileman. After second was made by Comm. Marketti, roll vote was unanimous.

Regarding information received on cleaning of the railroad ditches, Guy told he has contacted the railroad and is awaiting more information.

Mayor Wise asked that three street light outages, all on Liberty Street, be reported to ComEd.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Hibler, with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner