The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Hibler, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. Comm. Rankovich arrived at approximately 7:20 p.m. (*Also attending: Clerk Barb Bexson, Engineer Guy Christensen & Attorney Scott Belt).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March 22 regular Board Meeting were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman second by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll, all present voted in favor.

It was moved by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler that the listing of bills be accepted for payment; motion passed upon roll vote. Comm. Hileman also requested an additional bill be accepted and paid, namely, $1,032.00 to the Grundy County Sheriff's Department for April contractual service; second was made by Comm. Hibler and upon roll vote, Comm. Marketti passed, all others present voted in favor.

Attorney Belt presented a draft ordinance for adoption of the International Building Code and International Residential Code. After explaining the consolidation of a number of codes and his feeling that this should also be brought to the Village's building inspectors, this issue was tabled at this time.

He next distributed a revised draft of the garbage contract ordinance and detailed bid specification revisions made per discussions at the previous meeting. After review and discussion was complete, the Council agreed to a mandatory pre-bid conference at the April 26 meeting. An invitation to bid is to be released in area newspapers.

An current update on the status and resolution of the abandoned vehicle citations issued by the Village was also given by Attorney Belt.

Comm. Hileman began by reporting that two (2) CDs in the TIF Fund came due and because of current interest rates, these were not renewed and those monies placed in the TIF Fund savings account.

Explaining that water rates automatically increase 5% on May 1 unless the Council takes other action, Comm. Marketti, recommended that there be no increase this fiscal year as he feels, along with Comm. Hileman, current finances are in decent shape. Comm. Hileman seconded, roll call vote was unanimous.

Comm. Rankovich arrived and took his seat with the Council.

Comm. Marketti continued by explaining his conversation with Barbara and Rick Phillips regarding their interest to possibly annex their property, located along Rt. 129, west of the current MKM property. Attorney Belt told he has had conversation with the Phillips' attorney, who is to forward a draft agreement to him. Attorney Belt further told of the need for a public hearing before the Board for the annexation, along with one before the Zoning Board for modification of the zoning classification.

Comm. Rankovich and Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. then provided Council Members with a preliminary list of streets needing repair, totaling approximately $148,000. Each of the 22 road sections were looked over and it was agreed that the $6700 section of Gardner Street be eliminated and the project be put out to bid so that work can begin promptly. The required resolution to appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the maintenance of streets will be prepared by Guy and presented at the next meeting.

Comm. Rankovich added that he will get a grader in to do needed alley maintenance, get black dirt and seed at the new sidewalks and purchase a tarp to cover street salt stored at the water treatment plant. The Council was also in agreement with his suggestion that a light be installed at the basketball court in the east park.

Guy again updated on work completed and yet to be done at the radium removal facility project. After explaining options and costs, he recommended that an eight-channel

autodialer, costing $1995, be purchased for the plant; Comm. Marketti agreed and motioned this purchase be made with second by Comm. Hileman; all agreed upon roll vote.

Regarding the cleaning of the railroad ditch, Guy told that according to the ICC, the railroad has indicated they are anxious to complete this project. The Council directed Guy to keep this moving forward, however, did not agreed to the Village taking over maintenance of the ditch.

The Council agreed to set Friday, April 30, from noon to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as the spring clean-up days for Village residents. Comm. Rankovich said that dumpsters will again be located at the water treatment plant, with maintenance department personnel overseeing the drop offs.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti, with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner