April 26, 2004

The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order on Monday, April 26, 2004 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Chambers, with the following members present: Comms. Marketti, Hileman, Rankovich, Hibler and Mayor Wise. (Also in attendance: Clerk Barbara Bexson, Deputy Clerk, Margaret Fosnaugh, Engineer Guy Christensen and Attorney Scott Belt) All then stood for the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April 12 regular Board Meeting were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll, motion passed.

After review of the March Financial report, motion to approve and place on file was made by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Rankovich, all in favor.

The listing of bills was read and accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, second Comm. Rankovich, all present in favor.

On the agenda was the mandatory pre-bid conference for the garbage contract. Representatives from American Disposal and Heartland Disposal were present. Questions were asked about the size and the ownership of the totes, excess garbage stickers and the disposal of tires. After a brief discussion, Atty. Belt will prepare an addendum to the bid specification and provide it to the contractors attending tonight's meeting. He reminded everyone that bids must be submitted by the bid opening on Monday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Next on the agenda was David Zazworsky, Building Inspector, with concerns on the illuminated billboards being constructed along Interstate 55. He informed the Council on action that Grundy County has taken and also told that he is aware of one installed north of Dibble Trucking without a permit. Discussion followed and the Council directed Atty. Belt to look into this existing sign. In closing Comm. Marketti told that he would like to see changes in zoning to alleviate any problems in the future.

Atty. Belt reported that he is awaiting a draft on the Phillip's property annexation. He also told that he preparing an amendment to the Gift Ban Ordinance for the upcoming meeting and is working on the adoption of the International Building & Residential Code and the Life Safety Act.

Comm. Hileman discussed the all town clean-up and asked that residents show identification prior to dumping.

At 7:42 p.m. Comm. Hileman motioned to enter into executive session to discuss employee compensation/performance second by Comm. Rankovich, all in agreement. Comm. Hileman motioned to reconvene the meeting at 7:56 p.m., second by Comm. Marketti, upon roll motion passed. Comm. Hileman motioned to increase Village Employees hourly pay rates by 3% effective with the first fiscal year pay date, second by Comm. Hibler, with all in favor.

Comm. Hibler told that he spoke with Gary Cox, A&A Electric in regards to the basketball court lights at the east park. He said that the price is based on the type of poles and the power source. Mayor Wise asked that a quote be submitted for both aluminum and wood poles.

Comm. Rankovich reported that weather conditions has delayed the dirt needed to finish the new sidewalks that were installed last year. He also told that a light on the Interstate 55 ramp is in need of repair.

Comm. Marketti told that he has been in contact with South Wilmington in regards to George Churchill filling in when their operator is out of town. He authorized George to attend training at their plant.

Comm. Marketti requested that the planters in the downtown area be planted and the Clerk told she is working with Pat Rossio on this. He added that as welcome signs are being redone, planting there should be done also.

Comm. Rankovich told that he has addressed an issue of parking vehicles on the new sidewalk at the corner of Jackson & Mazon, explaining that the sidewalk is beginning to crack and has asked the resident not to park on it but they continue to do so. Comm. Marketti told that he will have a Deputy stop and discuss this matter with them.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin presented Resolution R04-251, authorizing street repairs of $165,000 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Comm. Rankovich motioned to approve the resolution, second by Comm. Hileman, all in agreement. Next he informed the Mayor that he has a letter from Metropolitan Pump in need of his signature relating to the service pumps at the Radium Removal Plant. Also reported that Vissering or Peerless has not worked at the Radium Removal Plant, adding that Mike Perry has been in contact with them to schedule a date and that Mike is working on the auto dialer. Guy told that the ICC is not interested in maintaining the railroad ditch but has authorized Chamlin to put specs. together and put the cleaning out to bid, with the ICC paying engineering fees.

A proclamation from the Gardner Lions Club for declaring May 7, 2004 Tootsie Pop Day was accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler with all in favor.

There being no further business at 8:10 Comm. Rankovich motioned to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Hibler, all in agreement.

BY: _____

Margaret L. Fosnaugh, Deputy Clerk

Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk