The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 14, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Hibler, Hileman, Rankovich and Mayor Wise. Comm. Marketti was absent. (*Also attending: Clerk Barb Bexson, Engineer Guy Christensen & Attorney Scott Belt).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wise also called for a moment of silence in honor of former President Ronald Reagan who recently passed away.

Minutes of the May 10 regular Board Meeting were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman second by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll, all present voted in favor. *(There were no minutes from May 24; due to lack of quorum, no meeting was held.)*

The Financial Report for the month of April was presented and reviewed; motion to accept and place on file was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler; roll vote was unanimous.

Bills scheduled to be presented at the May 24 meeting were read. Comm. Hileman motioned, Comm. Rankovich seconded to ratify payment of these bills; upon roll all agreed.

After reading of the current listing of bills, Comm. Hileman motioned to accept payment of all bills with the exception of that from WasteManagement due to the attachment of a fuel surcharge in error; second made by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll all agreed.

Correspondence was read from the Zoning Board of Appeals which made recommendation that a zoning variance filed by Ron Smykowski, 203 S. Peck St. for an eight (8) foot side yard variance to construct an attached garage be granted. The Council accepted this recommendation with motion by Comm. Rankovich, second by Comm. Hileman; roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Wise began by recognizing a resident, present to voice her concern with safety in our parks. She proceeded to detail her encounter with teenagers when she recently took her grandchildren to the east park. She told that because of the problems, she was forced to leave the park, adding that she recently moved here, would like to stay, but is afraid. She further told that cars are speeding in the alley behind her home with gravel being thrown on her vehicle. The Mayor informed that after he had talked with this resident, he requested additional police protection and has not had any incidents since that time. Comm. Hileman commented that he frequently sees gatherings of teens in the parks and that he sees garbage throughout those parks.

VG04-384, an ordinance regarding Illinois Prevailing Wage was passed and approved; motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Rankovich with all in agreement.

Regarding the garbage contract, Comm. Rankovich reported that he has examined various line items on the bid proposals and Heartland Disposal has given the low bid. Attorney Belt inserted that he feels the Council first needs to address the request by WasteManagement to waive mandatory attendance at the pre-bid conference. After short discussion, it was moved by Comm. Hileman that WasteManagement's bid not be accepted; second was made by Comm. Rankovich, voice vote was unanimous. It was then agreed to hold a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28 in order to discuss this contract; all members were asked to speak with residents regarding recycling and yard waste issues.

Comm Hileman told of violations reported after a recent inspection of public facilities by the Illinois Department of Labor. On the violation with electrical service at the sewer plant pole building, Comm. Hileman will check into costs to comply and report back.

He next briefly explained an intergovernmental agreement between the Village and Rub Ford, then motioned to accept Ordinance VG04-385, approving and authorizing the execution of a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement between the Village of Gardner and Rub Ford, Inc. Second was made by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll vote, all were in agreement.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Associates summarized the bid information received for the 2004 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance Program. Low bid of $132,399.12 was submitted by P.T. Ferro Construction. Other bids received were: $142,413.69 from 'D' Construction and

$156,626.70 from Gallagher Asphalt. The engineer's estimate was $145,030.50. The Council followed Guy's recommendation to award the project to P.T. Ferro; motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Rankovich, all agreeing upon roll vote. Guy added that businesses and apartment dwellers on Liberty Street need to immediately be notified of the start of this project.

At 9:00 p.m., as properly noticed, the Council entered into executive session to discuss pending or probable litigation, authorized pursuant to section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion to enter was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll, all agreed. At 9:10 p.m. regular session was resumed with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler; upon roll, all agreed.

Ordinance violations with the owner of the property at 415 W. Jefferson St. were again a subject with the Council. Comm. Hileman pointed out problems with weeds and junk. Although the Village has filed a lien, Attorney Belt went over other actions that might be taken to get this cleaned up.

On a prior conversation on replacement of street signs, Comm. Rankovich told that he understands the Lions Club may make a donation toward the cost of signs bearing the Lions Club insignia.

Despite the fact specifications have not yet been received, Guy said that the railroad ditch cleaning project is still moving forward.

Mayor Wise informed of a request from Casey's General Stores to sell liquor earlier than allowed due to racetrack events being held the second weekend in July. It was moved by Comm. Hibler, seconded by Comm. Hileman that liquor can be sold starting at 7:00 a.m. July 9, 10 and 11 only. Upon roll vote, Comm. Rankovich passed, all others voted in favor.

From the audience, Rick Marketti, voiced concerns with inspectors and inspections being made on new housing in the Village. Mayor Wise will investigate.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:30 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Rankovich with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner