The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 28, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Hibler, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. Comm. Rankovich arrived at 7:10 p.m.. (*Also attending: Clerk Barb Bexson, Engineer Guy Christensen & Attorney John Bates).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

After Mayor Wise noted that allowing the early sale of liquor for July 9, 10 and 11 applies to all liquor license holders, minutes of the June 14 regular Board Meeting were accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman second by Comm. Hibler; upon roll, Comm. Marketti passed, all others present voted in favor.

It was then moved by Comm. Hibler and seconded by Comm. Marketti that the listing of bills be accepted for payment; upon roll all agreed.

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

Attorney Bates reported that on June 20, a letter was delivered to the property owner at 305 W. Jefferson Street by the Grundy County Sheriff's Department connected with the clean-up of that property.

In order to correct a violation citation received from the Illinois Department of Labor, Comm. Hileman motioned to accept a bid of $1,125.00 from Mid-Illinois Electric to install a 100 amp panel at the pole building at the sewer plant; after second by Comm. Hibler, roll vote was unanimous.

After Comm. Hileman voiced concerns with monies yet owed and repair of items at the new radium removal facility, Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. responded that 5% of the contract is still being retained by the Village and that he will get in touch with Badger Meter Co. to find out why these problems are not corrected.

Because of 2 recent watermain breaks on Jackson Street near Main Street, Comm. Hileman inquired about old and new mains in this area. He then said he would like to see watermain replacement in this area and requested Guy to provide a cost estimate.

Comm. Hibler reported that he would like to hold off on discussion of the installation of a light at the basketball court due to the current problems in the park.

Further on concerns with vandalism and other problems in the parks, Council Members discussed curfew hours set by Village Code. Comm. Marketti and Attorney Bates both stated that although earlier closing hours have recently been posted, in order for enforcement and issuance of citations, the ordinance must be followed and signage in the parks must be consistent. A copy of the current ordinance will be provided for review and possible amendment. Comm. Marketti stressed that, when any problems occur within the Village, the Grundy County Sheriff's Department should be called immediately.

Lastly, Comm. Marketti reported on a letter received from GSW High School Superintendent Ciacio to request financial assistance from the Village's Gardner Days Fund for repairs needed at the tennis courts. After first stating that he feels additional bids should be requested, Comm. Marketti asked that Mayor Wise get this information to the Improvement Fund Committee for their recommendation to the Board

Guy reported that the street maintenance project is complete other than placement of shoulder stone in the areas and this should be done in about a week.

On the railroad ditch cleaning project, he informed that the specs. have been received and there have been no good responses from the State on adding to the scope of the project. The Council again said they would like this cleaning area to be extended.

From the audience, a resident was present to comment on problems occurring in the Village, his concern with current police protection and his feeling that the Village should consider hiring a police officer. In response, Comm. Hileman gave estimates of the costs for the Village to hire one or two officers; Comm. Marketti stated that there is good coverage of the

Village by the Sheriff's Department and that he would be against any additional tax burden on the residents to fund a police officer.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Hibler with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner