The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 12, 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 Scott Belt).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 28 were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler; upon roll vote, Comm. Marketti passed, all others present voted in favor.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 28 were read and also accepted; motion by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Hileman, roll vote was unanimous.

It was next moved by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Hibler that the listing of bills be accepted for payment; upon roll all agreed. Comm. Hileman then motioned that two additional bills be included for payment: $211.86 to Mid-Illinois Electric for work at the water plant and $13,610.00 to Grundy County Sheriff's Department for annual contractual service. Comm. Hibler seconded this motion and upon roll, Comm. Marketti passed, all others voted in favor.

At Attorney Belt's request, all Council Members will remain after the meeting is adjourned so that he may speak with each one individually.

Up for consideration was the garbage contract. Attorney Belt suggested incorporation of bid specifications and expressed that he would like to review the contract prior to any action by the Council. It was agreed that Attorney Belt will have this prepared for the next meeting.

The Village's curfew ordinance was next brought up for discussion. Attorney Belt told that after review of the current ordinance, he feels the Council should consider an amendment. He explained further that recently, new requirements have been made by an appellate court decision. After comments from a resident that he feels those who violate Village regulations should be punished but not those who properly utilize the parks, Comm. Hileman directed preparation of an ordinance that would comply with current rules. Attorney Belt agreed with Comm. Hibler that park closing times should be a separate ordinance and conversation followed on suitable times.

Relative also to this subject, Comm. Hibler told that he and Mid-Illinois Electric visited the east park basketball court for placement of lighting; his feeling is that a light be erected not only at the court but also an additional light to be angled for illumination of the rest of the park. He questioned this expenditure, however, if other Members feel the parks should be closed at dusk. After Comm. Marketti asked for his suggestion and Comm. Hibler responded that he is in favor of the lights, it was moved by Comm. Marketti and seconded by Comm. Hibler that these lights be installed. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Comm. Marketti updated that he had spoken with Mike Perry of Chamlin who advised that Vissering Construction should be completing work at the radium removal facility and a final pay estimate is to be prepared and presented to the Council. Regarding the concrete that is needed to be poured, Comm. Marketti feels this can be completed by Village personnel.

Regarding previous conversation on watermain replacement costs for a section of Jackson Street, the estimate is $79,000 with an additional $12,000 for engineering fees. This, along with watermain replacement on Division Street, previously estimated at $51,000, will be now put out to bid. Motion to bid this project made by Comm. Marketti, seconded by Comm. Hileman; upon roll vote, motion passed.

Guy Christensen told that shoulder stone will be placed in the areas repaired with the recently completed street maintenance project; he asked the Council to look over these areas for any changes to be made.

Two persons attending this meeting talked over with the Council their concerns with the Village's weed and abandoned vehicle ordinances.

Sesquicentennial chairperson Tom Perkins reminded that the Village celebration is August 7

and 8; as final preparations are being made, he encouraged members to attend the next meeting set for July 27. Because Comm. Hileman brought up liquor sales for this event, Mayor Wise will speak to the tavern owners.

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

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner