The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 23, 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 Mike Perry & Attorney Scott Belt).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 26 were read and accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler, upon roll call vote, all present were in agreement.

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

The Financial Report for the month of May was accepted and placed on file with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Marketti; roll call vote was unanimous.

Bills scheduled for presentation at the August 9 Council Meeting were read; motion to ratify payment was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll, all agreed.

It was next moved by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Hibler that the current listing of bills be accepted for payment; roll call vote was unanimous.

Agenda items began with discussion on the pending garbage contract. Attorney Belt told that Heartland Disposal was in agreement with the contract draft that had been submitted to them. After short discussion, this contract, effective November 1, 2004, was accepted with motion by Comm. Rankovich, seconded by Comm. Hileman; upon roll call vote, all agreed.

Sesquicentennial Chairman Tom Perkins was in attendance to extend thanks to the Council for their support and cooperation, commenting too that he was very pleased with the outcome of the celebration and has heard no negative comments (he specifically mentioned Terry Marketti for providing the spaghetti dinner and Clerk Barb Bexson for her work behind the scenes). In turn, Council Members recognized Tom and the other Committee members for all the work they did to put on a wonderful event. Approval was given for Tom to arrange for a dinner, paid from Gardner Days funds, for those volunteers who Tom feels should be invited.

Also in the audience, Mayor Wise recognized Doug Hayse, candidate for State Representative.

At 7:20 p.m., Comm. Hileman motioned that the Council enter into executive session for discussion related to pending litigation, authorized pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph 11 of the Open Meetings Act. Second was made by Comm. Hibler with all agreeing upon roll vote. The regular Board Meeting was then reconvened at 7:50 p.m. with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich; voice vote was unanimous.

Comm. Hileman told that he was unsuccessful in placing the high bid on behalf of the Village for a used dumptruck; he requested that, for future bidding, the Council allow up to $25,000 for him and Comm. Rankovich to place a bid for a truck that would meet Village needs. Motion to allow this request was made by Comm. Rankovich, seconded by Comm. Hileman; all agreed upon roll vote.

Comm. Marketti announced that the final payout for the radium removal facility project will be placed on hold until the next Council Meeting.

Regarding the 2004 Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance project, Comm. Rankovich expressed dissatisfaction with the shoulder stone replacement, adding that this will be more specifically stated to contractors on future bid projects.

As he would like this project completed prior to the winter, Mayor Wise asked Comm. Rankovich to speak with Lions Club member Sandy Sowers to get more information on replacement of Village street signs.

Mike Perry of Chamlin & Assoc. informed that bid results for the Jackson Street watermain project would be available for acceptance at the September 27 Council Meeting. He also gave a brief update on the status of the railroad ditch cleaning project.

Mayor Wise presented a proclamation from the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus to conduct their annual fund raiser and proclaimed September 17, 18 and 19 as Help Mentally Retarded Citizens Days in the Village of Gardner.

Mayor Wise then asked the Council to consider donation of the backstage curtain from the old opera house to the Rt. 66 museum in Pontiac. This donation, from the Village of Gardner and former owner Richard Lee, was accepted with motion by Comm. Marketti, seconded by Comm. Hibler; roll call vote was unanimous.

Lastly, pending final decision by the Fossil Ridge Library, the Council accepted their request to park the bookmobile on Depot Street near the Lions fountain on two Fridays each month from noon to 2:00 p.m.

As there was no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner