VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 27, 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 Regular Board Meeting of September 13 were read and accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler, upon roll call vote, all present were in agreement.

The Financial Report for the Month of August was reviewed, accepted and placed on file with motion by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Hileman; all present agreed upon roll.

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

First recognized on the agenda was Elli Monferdini, who distributed a letter (attached) to the Council which requested consideration that she be named as chairperson for the 2005 Gardner Days celebration. An attachment to her letter was a list of activities she developed, with a tentative date for the event of July 15, 16 and 17. The Council told her that this would be considered and after review, she would be informed of their decision.

Ordinance No. VG04-390, approving membership in the IMLRiskManagement Association and authorizing the contract execution was accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Marketti. All were in agreement upon roll.

Referencing the draft of the cable franchise agreement between Kraus Electronics and the Village, Comm. Hileman told he had looked this over and before action, would like to speak with Skip Kraus, noting that the equipment used at Village Hall for the local access channel is in poor condition and very outdated. It was then agreed that Comm. Hileman contact Skip to discuss.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. then spoke on today's bid opening for the Jackson Street Watermain Replacement. He first told that three (3) bids were received, all over the engineer's estimate of approximately $80,000. 'D' Construction of Coal City was the low bidder at $105,383.75; next was Brandt Builders of Morris and Nibco Construction of Joliet. Guy stated it was his recommendation that these all be rejected and that the project be rebid with the addition also of watermain replacement on Division Street. A motion to accept Guy's recommendation was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Next, Guy updated everyone on the Railroad Ditch Improvement Project, informing that a bid opening date is set for Friday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. and a mandatory pre-bid meeting set for Tuesday, October 5, also at 10:00 a.m. Michael Garcia of the Illinois Dept. Of Transportation Bureau of Roads, will be present at the pre-bid; a representative from the Board is also requested to attend.

Lastly, Guy and the Council discussed the completion status of the radium removal facility. The water line excavation and related work remain unfinished; Vissering Construction has been informed by Guy that the Village intends to contract out this work and make the deduction from the current retainage.

At 7:25 p.m., as properly noticed, the Council agreed to enter into executive session for discussion relative to probable and/or imminent litigation, based upon the representations of the attorney for WC Media, authorized pursuant to Section 2, Paragraph 11 of the Open Meetings Act. This motion was made by Comm. Marketti, seconded by Comm. Hileman and all agreeing upon roll vote. The regular Board Meeting was then reconvened at 8:05 p.m. with motion by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Hileman; all agreed upon roll vote.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Marketti with all present in agreement.

Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner