The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 22, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Rankovich, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. (*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 November 8 were read and accepted; motion by Comm. Rankovich, second by Comm. Hibler, upon roll, Comm. Hileman passed, all others voted in favor.

With motion by Comm. Marketti and second by Comm. Hileman, the Financial Report for the month of October was also accepted and placed on file. Roll vote was unanimous.

After reading, the Council agreed to payment of all bills submitted: motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Rankovich. All agreed upon roll.

Brian Hansen, representing the Gardner Grade School was present as requested to explain their request for financial assistance from the Gardner Days Fund. Brian explained that the PTG organization had purchased playground equipment but that setup would require additional monies; it was learned that a $1,000 donation has recently been received. The Council then agreed to a donation of up to $5,300, pending receipt of the bill and check to verify the actual project cost and payment. Motion by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Hibler; upon roll vote, Comm. Hileman and Mayor Wise voted no; Comms. Marketti, Hibler and Rankovich voted in favor.

Comm. Hileman also questioned Brian on the status of the school's previous request for an agreement with the Village for the use of a portion of Village property that lies adjacent to school property. Brian responded he would look into and report back on this.

In attendance, as requested by Comm. Rankovich, were Bruce Barr and Dennis Brown, representing Heartland Disposal. Questions were posed concerning change of ownership, specifically that the contract was not signed by the person who filed the documentation with the Village and that no documentation was received on the new ownership. Heartland's new owners explained their purchase, agreeing to immediately provide all documentation required by the Village. Comm. Rankovich also voiced concern that large items such as sofas, box springs and mattresses, had and have not yet been collected as stipulated in the contract; Mr. Brown will again check Village streets to verify that all items have been picked-up, and if not, this will be corrected.

Lastly on the agenda, Mayor Wise recognized Tom Perkins, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, then read Tom's letter of resignation, effective after the ZBA's December 7 meeting. The Council thanked Tom for his many years of service to the Village and residents, noting also his recent chairmanship of the Village's sesquicentennial celebration. Guy Christensen also thanked Tom and the ZBA for all they have done to assist him with Village matters. The Mayor then read a second letter of resignation from ZBA member Bill Brooks. Tom Perkins spoke briefly of the work of the ZBA, adding that he would like the Council to consider compensation for ZBA members.

Attorney Belt brought up the cable franchise agreement and recognized Skip and Art Kraus, the current holder. Conversation began with the type and condition of the equipment used for the local access channel; the clerk inserted that recently some newer items were installed and all is now working well. Also discussed was the franchise fee with the possibility of increasing this to 5% of the monthly billing; because with this change, customer rates could also increase, the Council agreed that the $1.00 per subscriber annual fee should remain.

Regarding the sesquicentennial celebration activities, Comm. Hileman asked to be provided with information on revenues, expenses and any bills that may remain outstanding.

He further told that he is working on the tax levy which must be passed in December, and should have information to everyone by the next meeting.

Also at the next meeting, Comm. Rankovich should have additional information and costs regarding new street signs for the Village.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin gave a update on the drainage improvement project and told that the bid opening date for the watermain replacement project is set for Friday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Mayor Wise recommended Brian Hennessy as the Village's new electrical inspector and reminded that the Village is now in need of 2 persons to fill the vacancies on the ZBA.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00

p.m. by Comm. Rankovich seconded by Comm. Hileman with all in agreement.

Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner