The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2004 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Rankovich, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise; Comm. Hibler 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 November 22 were read and accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Marketti, upon roll, all voted in favor.

Payment of all bills submitted was also accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Marketti; all agreed upon roll.

A letter was read from the Zoning Board of Appeals, making recommendation that the Council grant the variance request filed by Paul Nicoletti, 504 Carbon Hill Road, for a change from 10 feet to 14 feet for the interior ceiling height of a detached garage. This recommendation was accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich and unanimous roll vote.

At 7:30 p.m., as properly noticed, Comm. Hileman motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of employee compensation and performance, allowed pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. Second was made by Comm. Marketti, with all agreeing. Attorney Belt requested this session be expanded to include discussion on pending litigation, allowed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c)(11). At 8:05 p.m. regular session was reconvened; motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Rankovich with all in favor.

Attorney Belt began by recommending that a decision on the cable franchise agreement with Kraus Cable TV be tabled to await assessment of the survey currently being undertaken by Kraus. However, he felt the Council may wish to consider a short extension period until this is completed, thus Comm. Hileman motioned for a six (6) month contract agreement extension, seconded by Comm. Marketti and upon roll, all were in agreement.

Regarding the intergovernmental agreement between the Village and Gardner Grade School for lease of land, Attorney Belt told of modifications made by the school district. Prior to any further action being taken, Comm. Hileman agreed to speak with the school board regarding their intentions for this parcel.

Comm. Hileman again brought up status of expenses and revenues for the sesquicentennial celebration and told that after his review, he noted one outstanding bill. Payment had repeatedly been requested by the ad book chairperson with no response yet received. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the Village to ask for immediate payment.

Comm. Hileman also informed that, after meeting with the auditor concerning the Village's tax levy, this ordinance, as prepared and now presented, maintains the same levy as that from the previous year; he then motioned that this ordinance be accepted. Second was made by Comm. Marketti; all were in agreement upon roll.

The payment breakdown of TIF disbursements to Gardner Grade School, GSW High School and Gardner Fire Protection District, for the past two years was given by Comm. Hileman; he further noted that payments to all taxing bodies, with the exception of the Village of Gardner, have increased each of these years.

He lastly brought up the light recently installed in the park at an approximate cost of $1500; the Council agreed to submit the invoice to the Improvement Fund Committee for consideration of payment from the Gardner Days Fund.

According to Comm. Marketti, a letter was received from the Illinois EPA stating that upon their annual inspection, they found the Village's sewage treatment plant to be well-maintained and operated.

Comm. Rankovich updated that soon we should be given a shipping date for the Village's new street signs which will be red with white lettering; installation will then be scheduled.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Associates reminded that the bid opening is set for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 17 for the watermain replacement project. At Comm. Hileman's asking, an addendum to change the time to 10:00 a.m. will be prepared and submitted to all contractors.

Mayor Wise read a letter from the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitor Bureau to announce the nominating process for Route 66 to be declared a national scenic byway and to request the Village's assistance with passage of a resolution of support. Because of concerns with a section on outdoor

advertising, it was moved by Comm. Rankovich, seconded by Comm. Hileman that this be approved, subject to clarification by Attorney Belt. All were in agreement upon roll vote.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:48 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti with all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner