The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 28, 2005 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 and Engineer Guy Christensen).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 14 were read and accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler. Upon roll, all present were in agreement.

It was then moved by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Marketti that the listing of bills as submitted be admitted for payment; all agreed upon roll.

Mayor Wise first recognized a resident in attendance to inquire if a meeting date had been set for discussion of illegal drug usage and other problems in the Village. The Mayor asked her to provide her name and phone number so that she can be contacted once a firm date is set.

Comm. Hileman reported that he met with State Rep. Gordon during her recent visit to the Village and at that time provided her with copies of letters of support for the extension of the TIF District from Gardner Grade School, GSW High School and Gardner Fire Protection District. He added that he met with the Grundy County Board Finance Committee today to also ask for their support. A letter and resolution of support will be presented at the County's March 8 meeting. Additionally he will be speaking with State Senator Gary Dahl this week, also in reference to this TIF extension.

Comm. Hileman asked Rep. Gordon to look into the availability of any grant monies for extension of water and sewer services across Interstate Route 55. He will also discuss grant availability with the Village's grant administrator, North Central IL Council of Governments.

Finally, Comm. Hileman updated that he will attempt to get on the agenda for the next Gardner Grade School Board Meeting to speak with them about the possible intergovernmental agreement regarding Village-owned property.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. reported he has not yet received the requested information from Ellis Excavating. He has, however, spoken with the second bidder, NIBCO. Guy intends to have a letter and recommendation at the next Council Meeting.

Regarding the railroad ditch cleaning, Guy told that work should begin as soon as weather conditions allow. Mike Garcia of the ICC told also that it may be possible for the Village to get some additional funds for this job.

Council Members briefly discussed the condition of the maintenance department's stakebed truck and future replacement of this vehicle versus a utility truck.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner