The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2005 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 and Attorney Scott Belt).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 28 were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich; upon roll, all present were in agreement.

A motion was made by Comm. Rankovich to accept the Financial Report for the month of February; this was seconded by Comm. Marketti. Roll vote was unanimous.

It was then moved by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Marketti that the listing of bills as submitted be accepted for payment; all agreed upon roll. Per the Village's redevelopment agreement, payment of $1,002.74 to Rub Ford for 2002 & 2003 real estate tax reimbursement was also accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Marketti. Upon roll, Mayor Wise passed while all others present voted in favor.

Attorney Belt reported that he has received information from Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. regarding the watermain replacement project. Although submitting the low bid, Ellis Excavating is unable to comply with the Village responsible bidder requirements, thus Guy recommended that the Council award the contract to Nibco Construction of Joliet, the second low bidder. The project cost will increase approximately $33,000 with this change. Agreeing with this recommendation, the Council awarded this watermain replacement contract to Nibco with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Rankovich; roll vote was unanimous.

Attorney Belt next told that Comm. Hibler brought to his attention complaints regarding O'Hare Towing Service. He explained that the company owner had attended a Zoning Board meeting in 2003 and, at that time, made certain agreements: 1) not to crush vehicles and 2) to limit vehicles to a maximum 100, with an attempt to keep those vehicles inside. From pictures presented, Attorney Belt felt that O'Hare Towing is not complying; however, he will discuss further with Comm. Hibler.

A short discussion followed on the Village's attempt to gain approval to extend it's current TIF District and, on legislation, if passed, that could affect all TIF Districts.

After Comm. Marketti noted that there is to be a sharp increase in the price of salt, Comm. Hileman informed he is looking into a program to purchase salt through the State of Illinois.

Citing concerns with children crossing the tracks at Washington Street to reach the grade school, Comm. Marketti asked if any research had ever been done on construction of a sidewalk. Comm. Rankovich related information previously discussed with both the railroad and the ICC regarding this and agreed to again talk with Guy.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:38 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti with all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner