The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2005 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Rankovich, Hileman and Mayor Wise. Comms. Hibler and Marketti were absent. (*Also attending: Barb Bexson, Clerk; Scott Belt, Attorney; Guy Christensen, Engineer).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 11 were read and accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Mayor Wise upon roll, Comm. Rankovich passed; all others present voted in favor.

It was then moved by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Rankovich that the bills, as listed, be accepted for payment; all agreed upon roll.

Recognized on the agenda was Chris Irvin, who was present to hear the status of the concerns he talked over with the Council at the previous meeting; these concerns were abandoned vehicles, junk and yard waste at the commercial properties located to the north of his residence on IL. Rt. 53. Mayor Wise informed that the wrecker has been removed and other vehicles are to be removed soon. Ray Serena, owner of one of the properties, is to return next week and Mayor Wise assured Chris that he will speak with him at that time. Regarding the yard waste piles, although there is none at this time, Comm. Rankovich asked to be informed if any appear.

Regarding his review of the Village's solicitor ordinance, Attorney Belt told he feels it is a fairly comprehensive ordinance which covers the issue with the ice cream vendor. A certified letter, including an application to solicit, will be sent to the vendor, requesting that he appear before the Council with the completed application, the appropriate fees and a copy of a current license from the Grundy County Health Department.

Attorney Belt began by summarizing various changes to the proposed intergovernmental agreement between the Village and Gardner Grade School relative to Village-owned property adjacent to the school. Once these changes are made, Comm. Hileman will deliver the agreement to the grade school.

He also told that William Lamping failed to appear in court for a nuisance violation citation; a contempt order is to be served with a follow up appearance date of June 14.

Comm. Hileman reported that last week he met with Dan Duffy of GEDC to discuss available CDAP grant monies to assist with the extension of water and sewer services in the area north of Dibble Trucking on South Old Rt. 66. He then motioned that the Village begin the process to seek grant funding for this project. Motion was seconded by Comm. Rankovich and roll vote was unanimous.

Comm. Hileman next told that the Village employees will need to flush hydrants. As some other area municipalities do this work during nighttime hours, when there is less water usage and it is less inconvenience to businesses, he suggested that the Village also consider this. Comm. Rankovich then motioned and Comm. Hileman seconded that the hydrants be flushed from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. All agreed upon roll.

Lastly, Comm. Hileman informed that on March 28 the Illinois Department of Labor performed a safety inspection of all Village properties. Some violations noted have already been taken care of; others needing completion will take more time. He specifically mentioned load protection in the maintenance garage, housekeeping and electrical work at the sewage treatment plant pole building and medical evaluation and testing for use of respirators by the public works employees. Once all are completed, a written report must be submitted.

Comm. Rankovich and Guy Christensen of Chamlin. are to meet to discuss this year's street maintenance program along with street striping in the business district and the parking lots, both on Depot Street and at the Village Hall.

The Council also agreed that Jeff James will perform the duties of the water and sewer superintendent for the month of May to help ensure he is knowledgeable and at ease with the position for those times when George Churchill is on vacation or away from work for other reasons.

It was reported by the Clerk that the Village's annual audit is scheduled for the week of June 6 with Echols, Mack & Assoc.

Crop plantings within the Village corporate limits was next discussed; as there was some concern that there are limitations with the types of crops that can be planted, the Clerk was directed to check into

the Village's codes.

Guy Christensen briefly updated the Council on the status of both the watermain replacement and the railroad ditch cleaning projects.

Mayor Wise brought up the Village's Zoning Board of Appeals. First he asked that the Council agree to compensation for ZBA Members, suggesting $25.00 per meeting. After short discussion, it was moved by Comm. Rankovich and seconded by Comm. Hileman that each member receive $25.00 per meeting, only for meetings attended, to be paid on a quarterly basis. Upon roll vote, all present agreed.

Secondly the Mayor noted that the ZBA is lacking one member and asked if anyone is interested or knows someone who might be interested, to please let him know.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m. by Comm. Rankovich seconded by Comm. Hileman with all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner