The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 11, 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: 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 June 13 were read and accepted; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler; upon roll, all voted in favor.

The Financial Report for the month of May was presented and upon review, it was moved by Comm. Marketti and seconded by Comm. Hileman to accept and place on file; all present agreed upon roll.

A motion to ratify payment of bills from June 27 was made by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler, with unanimous roll vote. Payment of current bills was also accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler; with unanimous roll vote.

Prior to commencing other business, Mayor Wise welcomed State Representative Careen Gordon in attendance at this evening's meeting.

First recognized on the agenda was Tawnya Mack of Echols, Mack & Associates, to report on the Village's annual audit. After providing each Member with a copy of the report, she summarized various sections, specifically pointed out the new GASB 34 reporting and suggesting monies in the TIF Fund be utilized whenever possible. With the reporting complete, Comm. Hileman motioned to accept and place on file the Village's annual financial report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2005; second made by Comm. Marketti and all agreed upon roll.

Next recognized were Janet Page and Donna Kirkpatrick, representing Grundy-Three Rivers Habitat for Humanity, attending to present Mayor Wise and the Council with a plaque, acknowledging the Village's cooperation with their recent home project at 201 W. Jefferson St. The Mayor extended his thanks for this recognition and noted construction of the third home will begin soon.

At 7:25 p.m. the Council entered 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; Motion made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler, with all agreeing. At 8:05 p.m. regular session was reconvened also with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler and all agreeing.

Comm. Marketti began by recommending a 3% salary increase be given to all employees for the 2005/2006 fiscal year, commenting that he feels the Village may have too many employees and cutbacks could become necessary in the future. After second by Comm. Hileman, upon roll vote, Mayor Wise voted no, all others present voted in favor.

Ordinance No. VG05-394, amending Gardner's Municipal Code related to alcoholic liquor dealers, specifically to special events restriction on sales, was approved with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler; upon roll, Comm. Marketti passed, all others were in agreement. The clerk was then directed to send a copy of this amendment to all Class A liquor license holders.

Attorney Belt briefly reviewed several exceptions to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as recently commented on by the Illinois Appellate Court. Written copy was given to all Council Members and the Clerk. This opinion commented on two conditions which must be complied with for holding closed session and on the exception for litigation.

Attorney Belt next updated on an agreement forwarded to him by Comm. Hibler regarding an area at property near the intersection of Illinois Route 53 and Washington Street. He told that this information was provided to Village engineer for input. He suggests too that more information is needed before the Village can make an informed decision as to signing this agreement.

Comm. Hileman reported that the Village has received it's first installment of property tax monies in the amount of $447,500.00 and pursuant to the TIF intergovernmental agreement, the following reimbursements will be made:

GSW High School District #73	$ 146,751.51	(as compared to $ 138,360.07 in 2004)
Gardner Grade School District #72	$ 139,014.05	(as compared to $ 130,302.72 in 2004)
Gardner Fire District	$ 34,199.89	(as compared to $ 32,680.96 in 2004)

The Village's portion is $127,534.55 as compared to $113,856.25 in 2004.

He then told that a $800,000 CD in the TIF Fund has matured and been renewed in the amount of $700,000 at a 6-month rate of 3.50%. $100,000 has been placed in TIF Savings to be used for payments on the current watermain replacement project. A second TIF CD in the amount of $100,000 will mature in September.

Because of the poor condition of the stakebed truck, the Village will purchase a 2001 F350 truck at a cost of $13,800 with payment to be paid from the TIF, Water and Sewer Funds. Motion to purchase by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler; upon roll vote, Mayor Wise passed, all others present in favor.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. gave updates on the watermain replacement project, the upcoming street striping and parking lot sealing project and the 2005 Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance project. There was also short discussion on the railroad ditch cleaning project and the possibility of funds becoming available to cover additional expenses incurred.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Hibler all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner