The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 22, 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 July 25 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 July was presented and upon review, it was moved by Comm. Marketti and seconded by Comm. Hibler to accept and place on file; all present agreed upon roll.

A motion was made by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Marketti to ratify payment of August 8 bills; roll vote was unanimous. Payment of current bills, as listed, was also accepted with motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler; roll vote was unanimous.

Joe Ciaccio, Superintendent of GSW High School was recognized on the agenda to speak with the Council about current impact fees and concerns with anticipated population growth both in the Village and in other area communities, and pointed to the financial stress this growth would have on the schools. Because of the many questions and the need for answers, GSW High School has called a meeting to address this topic and to share knowledge; Supt. Ciaccio invited members of the Council to attend on Wednesday, August 24, 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Attorney Belt recapped the Village's impact fee structure and noted the $6,000 fair market value of an improved acre of land in the Village which now should be significantly higher. He also gave figures from a recently updated ordinance passed in the City of Morris, with a 3% annual escalator built in. After conversation was complete, Comm. Marketti agreed to attend and represent the Village Board at this meeting. Resident Karl Lutz also spoke briefly about his feelings on residential, commercial and industrial growth in potential newly annexed areas.

A special board meeting was also set by the Council for Monday, August 29 at 4:00 p.m. to talk over other types of impact fees; the attorney and engineer were asked to attend. In addition, after later conversation on the draft ordinance to amend fees for building and electrical inspections, Comm. Marketti recommended, and all agreed, that this be tabled and included for discussion at the special board meeting.

Bids were opened for the 1985 International Dump Truck ($2,250/Doug Hall) and the 1988 Ford F350 Stake Truck ($150/Joe Brozovich). As only one bid was received for each, it was agreed to once again place a bid notice prior to consideration of other options.

Mayor Wise recognized John Crispino who displayed a plat of survey for property he may purchase at 208 Depot Street, showing that the existing structure encroaches on Village right-of-way. After it was explained that zoning did not exist in the Village until the 1970's he was told that the Village could consider an encroachment agreement to acknowledge the structure's location and to allow it to remain until it is damaged, destroyed or removed. Upon his receipt of Mr. Crispino's contract agreement, Attorney Belt is to prepare an encroachment agreement; motion by Comm. Marketti, seconded by Comm. Hileman and all agreeing upon roll vote.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. told that the watermain replacement project is nearly complete; clean-up and seeding in the project areas is now being done. On the railroad ditch cleaning project, Guy told that all invoices have been submitted to the railroad; regarding questions on the ongoing maintenance of this area, Guy will look into and report back on what will need to be done and the costs.

The Motor Fuel Tax 2005 street maintenance notification has been published; bid opening is set for Tuesday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall.

An announcement from the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus was read by Mayor Wise who then proclaimed September 16, 17 and 18 as days for citizens to support this annual fundraiser to help persons with mental and learning disabilities

A street light outage at Main & Jackson Streets is to be reported to ComEd for repair.

Resident Chris Irvin was again present to ask if there were any answers to his questions on the vehicles at the Serena property at the intersection of Washington St. and Rt. 53. He was told that this property is zoned for commercial use with no limitation on the number of vehicles. Mayor Wise said he would again speak with Ray Serena regarding the van and other vehicles parked there.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:35

p.m. by Comm. Hibler seconded by Comm. Hileman; all in agreement.

Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner