VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2005

The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order on Monday, October 10, 2005 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Chambers, with the following members present: Comms. Marketti, Hileman, Rankovich, Hibler and Mayor Wise (*Also in attendance: Deputy Clerk, Margaret Fosnaugh, Engineer Guy Christensen and Atty. Scott Belt*) All then stood for the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 26 regular Board Meeting were tabled.

The listing of bills was accepted for payment with motion by Comm. Markettti, second by Comm. Hileman, all in favor.

Next correspondence was read from the Zoning Board of Appeals recommending the approval of the preliminary plat of Phase III, Jackson South Subdivision consisting of lots 23 thru 34. Comm. Rankovich motion to accept the recommendation; seconded by Comm. Hileman, motion carried with Comm. Hibler and Mayor Wise voting yes and Comm. Marketti passed.

Atty. Belt presented a draft ordinance regulating the installation of sidewalks. Atty. Belt explained that the Village has an ordinance in place with relation to sidewalks in new subdivisions only and nothing within the existing town. Guy Christensen voiced concerns for the need of a maximum slump, mesh installation, better strength concrete and cost determination of the bond. Atty. Belt will amend the draft and present it at the next board meeting.

Next Atty. Belt presented an ordinance prohibiting engine breaking within the Village limits. Comm. Rankovich asked that the ordinance read there is an exception with emergency vehicles. Atty. Belt will add this and present it for approval at the next board meeting.

Inspectors fees were brought forth for discussion and Atty. Belt reported how the City of Morris determines their Inspector's fees. Discussion followed and Comm. Hileman stated he did not want to act on this until further research could be done because he does not want to burden the resident with a costly permit increase.

Discussion took place on the broken water main on Pine Street that took place during a water service tap. The owner was sent an invoice for cost that occurred; with payment being received and they have requested occupancy. The Building Inspector intends to issue a temporary occupancy due to final grade and grass must be planted, but is awaiting final decision from the Village Council. Comm. Rankovich noted that the public sidewalk was broken during construction and feels that this should be addressed before a decision is made. Comm. Hileman told that the building inspector should look into this and add to the temporary occupancy. Comm. Hileman motion to issue the temporary occupancy, seconded by Comm. Marketti, with Comm. Hibler and Mayor Wise voting in favor. Comm. Rankovich voted no.

Atty. Belt updated members on new laws regarding annexations.

On the agenda, Mike Hoffman came forth with a current overview map of Gardner and the outlying areas. He began by asking each of the board members in one word to describe Gardner today; rural, stagnant, friendly and accessible. He then asked to describe it in 20 years; double in size, lower taxes, industry, commercial growth, thriving and safe. He then referred to the map and pointed out areas northwest and southwest of interstate I-55 that in his opinion would be ideal residential development. He also showed areas west of the interstate bordering Gardner Road that would be best zoned commercial. Mike told that currently we have the property north of the Grade School zoned manufacturing and he feels this is suitable. Mr. Karl Lutz, from the audience, voiced concerns on allowing residential west of the interstate. He stated there could be potential traffic problems and referred to the resolution passed by GEDC setting aside property along interstate overpasses for commercial. Discussion followed and it was decided a special meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular scheduled meeting on Nov. 28 and more will presented at this time.

Comm. Marketti told that he spoke with the High School and there is a need for a truancy ordinance. He obtained a copy of Minooka's and feels it would work for us. He will provide a copy to Atty. Belt for his review.

Comm. Rankovich told the maintenance dept. will begin installing the new street signs and the Lions Club will donate $500 towards the purchase. Discussion took place on the street maintenance project. Lastly he asked about boundary agreements and Atty. Belt explained how they transpire and told that if there is no agreement between towns then annexation is based on first come first serve.

Guy Christensen gave an update on the watermain project. He has a list of items and should have a final pay estimate at the next meeting. All members agreed that Nibco did a good job.

Mayor Wise told that the water tower is scheduled for an inspection on Oct. 28 and he spoke to them regarding the paint chipping and they will look at it.

Mayor Wise said that GSW High School will be cleaning up the railroad ditch and permission has been granted from the Railroad.

Guy Christensen told that he will be meeting with the Railroad in November to discuss a plan of action in maintaining the weeds in the ditch.

There being no further business at 9:00 p.m. Comm. Hileman motion to adjourn; seconded by Comm. Rankovich with all in favor.

BY: _____ _____

Margaret L. Fosnaugh, Deputy Clerk