VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
October 24, 2005

The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 24, 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.

Upon motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Marketti and all agreeing upon roll, minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 26 (previously tabled) were accepted. Minutes of the September 27 Special Board Meeting (previously tabled) were also accepted with motion by Comm. Marketti second by Comm. Hileman; upon roll, Comm. Hibler passed, all others voted in favor.

Following a correction by Comm. Marketti that the exception in the ordinance prohibiting engine breaking is for emergency *situations*, not vehicles, minutes of the October 10 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as amended; motion by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Hileman, all in agreement upon roll.

It was next moved by Comm. Marketti and seconded by Comm. Hibler with unanimous roll vote that the Financial Report for the month of September be accepted and placed on file.

Payment of all current bills, as listed, was accepted, motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler roll vote was unanimous.

Ordinance Nos. VG05-398, to regulate the installation of sidewalks and VG05-399, to prohibit engine braking within the Village limits were both passed and approved with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler; upon roll, both were accepted unanimously.

A truancy ordinance for board discussion and possible action was tabled until the next meeting.

It was learned that both Gardner schools are working on and will provide information concerning impact fees. Attorney Belt told of a second impact fee that would assist the schools; he will provide them with a draft of this supplemental impact fee for their review. Although he is aware of none in this area, he further told of a third type, a transition impact fee, which, differing from the first two, could be used toward items other than brick-and-mortar. He also noted the need for some type of appraisal of land values in this area; Comm. Marketti commented that the high school is currently working on this.

Attorney Belt went over with the Council, a sizeable FOIA requested served on the Village. He has spoken with the engineering firm who had made this request, which appears to be tied in with interest in potential development on the south side of the Village. The Attorney and Clerk have been working together to comply with this request.

Lastly, Attorney Belt reintroduced conversation on a possible ordinance for reimbursement by developers for professional fees such as legal and engineering fees. He explained that an ordinance of this type would provide consistency for the future. He and Guy Christensen pointed to expenditures that would have been covered by this ordinance with the original growth of the South Jackson Street area by the developer. A draft ordinance will be prepared for more discussion.

Comm. Hileman reported he had met with Kevin McNamera, Village of Dwight Administrator in regard to a letter received from him to initiate discussions about boundary agreements between the two Villages.

He also reported that the Village recently received a check from the Union Pacific Railroad to cover the costs incurred with the railroad ditch maintenance project.

The annual inspection report on the condition of the water tower indicated that the exterior surface needs repainting; the interior, however, is satisfactory. According to Comm. Marketti, work on the tower will be addressed in the spring.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin will be meeting with Comm. Rankovich on Tuesday to go over additional street maintenance work. Regarding the watermain project, the contractor is working to complete items shown on the punch list. Council members were in agreement that the contractor, Nibco of Joliet, has done a good job on this project for the Village.

In closing, Mayor Wise commented that the newly installed street signs look very nice and are much more visible.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made notify 7:50 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Hibler; all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner