The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Monday, November 28, 2005 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Rankovich, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. (*Also attending: Barb Bexson, Clerk; Scott Belt, Attorney, Guy Christensen, Engineer)*. All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

There was unanimous acceptance of the minutes of the November 14 Regular Board Meeting after motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich.

It was agreed to make payment of all current bills as listed; motion by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Marketti; upon roll, all were in agreement.

An Ordinance Amending the Gardner Subdivision & Zoning Codes Regarding Reimbursement of Costs and Professional Fees (VG05-401) was passed and approved unanimously; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich.

Attorney Belt asked direction from the Council on a response to a letter received from Joe Phillips which requested reimbursement of monies he paid to the Village to cover costs incurred with a broken watermain at 209 N. Pine St. Comm. Hileman recapped what he has learned occurred and stated there was one, not two Village employees at the location and that was to deliver parts (he noted that former employee Joe Bexson was also there at some point) and that he feels reimbursement was proper. Attorney Belt said he feels Comm. Hileman's investigation of this justifies the reimbursement already made to the Village. It was then moved by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Rankovich that reimbursement will not be made and that Attorney Belt will respond to Mr. Phillips. Upon roll vote, all agreed.

Attorney Belt questioned the status of the intergovernmental agreement with the grade school; this will be looked into by Comm. Rankovich.

Comm. Hileman then clarified some information from a few meetings ago. Pointing to reducing costs, he said currently our city workers take three (3) days to read approximately 581 water meters; in contrast, South Wilmington reads almost 400 in four (4) hours with the touch-reads. As all meters in Gardner are not yet touch-reads, he asked for an accurate count and was told that there are 14 to replace and 69 additional that are remote meters which are those under the house with a readout placed on the side. In order to replace these, it would be necessary to make appointments with homeowners for access. Comm. Rankovich commented that work hours can be adjusted to accommodate the homeowners. Comm. Hileman then said that this has been ongoing for six to seven months and needs to get done so that costs can be cut. Thus he motioned that all required parts be acquired, that George Churchill also work on this project, that replacement of these 69 meters, along with the 14 others be done, that letters go out to these homeowners to set appointments and that work hours be adjusted as needed for completion. After Comm. Rankovich seconded this motion, roll vote was unanimous.

He next informed that he asked the Maintenance Department what projects need to be done in the event there's not a lot of snowfall this winter. He was told the floor at the water plant needs to be painted, estimated to take three (3) days and the lift station near Jackson Street also needs painting which may take a few weeks. Comm. Hileman then said that if there is no snow this winter and if they are not busy, workers may need to take time off or someone may be laid-off as this is not a place to just hand out money.

Comm. Marketti reported receipt of a letter from the IEPA with results of their October 21 inspection of the wastewater plant. This report indicated the plant is well-operated and maintained. There were two effluent violations, neither of which need to be corrected.

Because no input has as yet been received from the schools, Comm. Marketti asked to table any action on the truancy ordinance.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. reported that NIBCO has some work remaining to be completed on the watermain replacement project; however, this work may require decent weather conditions. The final pay estimate will be presented when all work is done.

A pay estimate to 'D' Construction for the 2005 Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance project will be presented at the next meeting.

Lastly, Guy told that he has spoken with a representative of Mug-A-Bug regarding on-going maintenance of the railroad ditch. The rep. has visited the project area and he and Guy will meet to go over what needs to be done and the costs involved.

With concerns with the elevation of the sidewalk replacement at 113 E. Washington Street, the Council

decided a letter will be sent to the property owners and contractor, requesting that they notify the Village within ten (10) days of their plans to correct this condition.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Rankovich, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner