The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 12, 2005 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. Comm. Rankovich arrived at 7:20 p.m. and Comm. Hibler was absent. (*Also attending: Barb Bexson, Clerk; John Bates, Attorney, Guy Christensen, Engineer).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November 28 Special Board Meeting were accepted with motion by Comm. Marketti and second by Comm. Hileman; all present agreed upon roll. There was also unanimous acceptance of the minutes of the November 28 Regular Board Meeting after motion by Comm. Hileman and second by Comm. Marketti.

The Financial Report for the Month of November was approved and placed on file with motion by Comm. Marketti, second by Comm. Hileman; all present in favor.

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.

After agreeing to the cancellation of the second meeting in December, the Village Council Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2006 was accepted. Meetings remain as the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

All present agreed that the executive session listed on the agenda be cancelled.

According to Attorney John Bates, there has been no response to a letter sent to Mr. Joe Phillips. This letter was sent, as directed by the Council, to respond to Mr. Phillips' request for reimbursement for the watermain repairs at 209 N. Pine St.

A letter received by the Village from the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District was brought up for discussion by Attorney Bates. He told that he has not completed research on this letter and the additional information just received, but it appears that they have some review authority on zoning variances, map amendments and subdivisions. An application for their review process was included with their letter. Any additional information learned will be provided to the Council.

After hearing from Comm. Marketti that the schools were in agreement, VG05-402, a Truancy Ordinance, was accepted. This motion was made by Comm. Marketti, seconded by Comm. Hileman and upon roll, all agreed.

There are again issues with abandoned vehicles at the William Lamping property on Jefferson Street. Attorney Bates will review the file but believes that in court on previous citations, Mr. Lamping agreed to keep his property in compliance with Village codes regarding vehicles and maintenance.

Comm. Rankovich arrived and took his seat with the Council as Comm. Hileman presented the tax levy draft for the next fiscal year; this levy shows no changes from the previous year which should mean a decrease in the amount Gardner property owners will pay on their tax bills. Comm. Hileman then motioned to pass this tax levy as presented; second was made by Comm. Marketti with all in agreement upon roll.

Comm. Rankovich told of several complaints from residents about cable tv channels and internet connections being out for lengthy periods. He also reminded that the Village and Kraus Cable do not have a current contract and that they were to conduct a survey with their customers and report the results to the Board. The Clerk was directed to prepare and send a letter to Art Kraus, requesting his attendance at the January 9 meeting to discuss this contract, the survey and user rates.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. reported that he again spoke with a representative from Mug-A-Bug on the maintenance of the railroad ditch. The rep. has looked over the site and is currently putting together costs and a schedule of the work to be done in order to maintain the condition of the area.

The Council unanimously agreed to cancel the scheduled Monday, December 26 meeting and to pay any bills coming due during this timeframe with motion by Comm. Hileman and second by Comm. Rankovich.

A Village-owned street light was reported out at 219 Liberty Street.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Rankovich, all in agreement.

Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner