VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2006

The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 9, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Rankovich, Hibler, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. (*Also attending: Barb Bexson, Clerk; Guy Christensen, Engineer).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 12 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as read with motion by Comm. Hileman and second by Comm. Rankovich; all agreed upon roll.

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

Due to the cancellation of the December 26 regular meeting, all Council Members agreed, with a motion by Comm. Hileman and second by Comm. Marketti, to ratify bill payments made on December 27. It was also unanimously agreed to make payment of all current bills as listed; motion by Comm. Hileman and second by Comm. Rankovich.

Comm. Hileman next motioned for acceptance of an ordinance for the abatement of taxes, levied in connection with the Village's 1997 general obligation bonds; second was made by Comm. Rankovich and all members were in agreement upon roll.

Comm. Hileman also reported that Tawnya Mack is again interested in chairing the Gardner Days festival. He motioned first that Gardner Days be held in 2006 and that Tawnya Mack be appointed as chairperson. Comm. Hibler seconded this motion with all in favor. To avoid any misunderstandings, Comm. Hileman will contact Tawnya to go over any streets closures that may be needed.

Lastly Comm. Hileman informed that the $700,000 CD in the TIF Fund matured and was rolled over for another six month period at a rate of 4.3%.

Referencing work to be done on the watertower, Comm. Marketti told that any and all work needing to be done on the tower will take place in the spring.

Comm. Marketti told there were 4 residences set for water shut-offs for non-payment; two of those paid prior to the shut-off, one paid along with the reconnection fee and one remains disconnected and a lien has been filed.

According to Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. a punch list with a items needing completion was sent to the contractor on the watermain replacement project; no final pay estimate will be presented until these are complete.

Guy reported that the representative from Mug-a-Bug did respond with costs for a one-time treatment at the railroad ditch but did not break down the project based upon the portion cleaned last year and the segment not done, from Washington St. south. After short discussion, it was moved by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Marketti that Guy arrange for a contract with Mug-a-Bug if he is comfortable with the scope of work, the breakdown is done and the price remains the same as shown; upon roll vote, all were in agreement.

A street light outage at East and Main Streets was reported. It was also noted that one light is out in the Village Hall parking lot.

At 7:15 p.m. the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussion of employee compensation and performance, allowed pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act; motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich and all agreed upon roll. At 7:40 p.m. regular session was reconvened, also with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich and all agreeing upon roll.

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

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner