The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Rankovich, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise; Comm. Hibler was absent (*Also attending: Barb Bexson, Clerk; Scott Belt, Attorney; Guy Christensen, Engineer).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 13 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as read with motion by Comm. Hileman and second by Mayor Wise; upon roll, Comm. Marketti passed, Comm. Hileman and Mayor Wise voted in favor.

It was next unanimously agreed by those present that payment of all current bills as listed be made; motion was made by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Marketti.

Atty. Belt began with continued discussion from last meeting on speed control for So. Jackson Street. He told that the vehicle code establishes speed limits in the event there are no ordinances adopted; none had been found. Attention was called to Main St. and the section of Carbon Hill Road within the Village limits, both currently posted at 30 mph. Conversation then opened on 20, 25 and 30 mph limits on all other streets and on the future probability of stop intersections on So. Jackson St. because of the increased development. Posting of signs at the entrance areas to the Village were also considered. So that Council Members can give this further consideration, this item is tabled until the next meeting.

On the subject of a boundary agreement with the Village of Mazon, Atty. Belt asked that Guy Christensen provide him with a boundary map, specific only to this agreement, which would then become part of the final agreement. A draft is being prepared and will be furnished to each Council Member to look over. Comm. Rankovich added that significant growth will be occurring in Braceville and So. Wilmington, thus boundary agreement discussions should be set in motion before this growth begins.

A sample transition fee schedule was also handed to all Council Members by Atty. Belt; these fees are applicable, only for costs to schools that are other than capital expenditures. Chris Irvin, High School board member spoke, stating the two Gardner school superintendents have asked for input, for someone to attend a meeting and for a committee to be set up, but nothing has yet been done. Comm. Marketti recounted that the Village had told them in the past a study needs to be done so that these fees can be put in place. It remains that it is up to the schools to do this; upon completion, everyone will need to sit down and talk about it.

Atty. Belt also shared some of the types and costs of impact fees currently assessed in the Village of Plainfield, mentioning their land cash value of $135,000; for comparison purposes, Comm. Marketti asked that he obtain a listing of fees currently in place in other municipalities.

The Council decided to table discussion and any action on the new legislation pertaining to neighborhood electric vehicles, a subject briefly brought up at the last meeting,

On the franchise agreement with Kraus Cable TV, Atty. Belt told that Skip Kraus is to be furnishing him with information.

Comm. Hileman reminded that several years ago we entered into a cost-saving rate agreement with Accurate Consulting to switch our Commonwealth Edison water pumping account to the PPO rate. According to a letter just received, ComEd is increasing the PPO rate cost; Accurate now recommends, in order to receive the best rate, that we return to our prior Rate 24. We will then receive no further invoicing from Accurate; however, they will continue to monitor rates and contact us if other options become available.

According to Comm. Hileman, only six (6) water meters yet need to be replaced. Also, presentations by two (2) vendors were recently held at the Village Hall on updated utility billing software products which would work hand-in-hand with the remote water meter reading device and its software.

Comm. Marketti brought up issues with bringing the sanitary sewer hookup to the new Habitat home being constructed on Odell Street and asked Guy Christensen of Chamlin to look into the best way to accomplish this at the least expense to the Village.

Comm. Rankovich told he was contacted by the GSW High School baseball coach, asking the Village to consider sponsorship of a banner for the outfield fence. The initial year cost would be $300 with an estimated $100 annual fee thereafter. Members felt that the Villages of Braceville and So. Wilmington could share in this and should be contacted. The Council then unanimously agreed to a joint sponsorship with motion by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Rankovich.

Guy Christensen updated that bidding for the water tower maintenance project would be published in March.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner