The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Hibler, Rankovich, Marketti and Mayor Wise; Comm. Hileman was absent (*Also in attendance: Barb Bexson, Clerk; Scott Belt, Attorney; Guy Christensen, Engineer).* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 27 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as read with motion by Comm. Hibler and second by Comm. Marketti; upon roll, all agreed.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the Financial Report for the month of February; motion was made by Comm. Marketti and seconded by Comm. Rankovich.

The Council also accepted payment of all current bills as listed; motion by Comm. Rankovich, second by Comm. Hibler, roll vote was unanimous.

If any changes are made in the preceding year, an updated zoning map is to be published by March 31; the Zoning Board of Appeals' letter of February 7 was to inform that at this time, there are no changes needed to the current map.

Attorney Belt first referred to his March 10 memorandum to Council Members which recapped his meeting with the State's Attorney; it was learned that State Statutes regulating county government, do not allow the county to impose an impact fee on behalf of the Fire District for unincorporated areas. He then reminded that the fire district impact fee, as discussed at the previous meeting, would only apply to newly annexed property and paid as part of a contract with the developer and not imposed by ordinance. Comm. Marketti felt that this too can be talked about again when other impact fees are put together.

As an update on impact fees relating to the schools, Attorney Belt mentioned that Mike Hoffman of Teska, along with Comm. Dick Hileman, met with school representatives. He was also contacted by the attorney representing both Gardner schools and again went over information on these fees, adding that the schools' attorney has previously dealt with and is familiar with these issues. Attorney Belt felt that this process is moving forward.

Regarding boundary line agreements, Attorney Belt told that the only one currently being prepared is for Mazon; he and Guy will look over this information for preparation.

He also pointed to his recent memo to Council Members which provided examples of various impact fees for their consideration and asked that everyone look over this information for later comments and questions.

Comm. Hibler told that he's gotten a number of comments from residents on how much better the railroad ditch looks and commended the Village maintenance workers on doing a very good job.

Comm. Marketti brought up the Habitat House being constructed on Odell Street and concerns with bringing the sewer line to this property. At his request, Guy handed out a drawing and explained what he felt would be the best way to accomplish this. Comm. Marketti's feelings were that the Village should pick up the costs. After saying he will talk with the person who does this type work for Habitat, Comm. Marketti motioned for the Village to pay for this work as long as it is in line with the figures Guy has provided. This motion was seconded by Comm. Rankovich and all present agreed.

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. reported that he will be providing specs. for work on the water tower.

Regarding Guy's question on MFT street maintenance for 2006, Comm. Rankovich responded that none will be done this year as he is anticipating a costly project next year on So. Jackson Street.

Mayor Wise reported on the Church of Hope's worries over the lack of adequate lighting at the parking area along the side of the church on Jefferson Street; they will be contacting ComEd to see what might be done to better illuminate this area.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m. by Comm. Rankovich seconded by Comm. Hibler, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner