VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
June 26, 2006

The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 26, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with Comms. Hibler, Rankovich, Hileman and Mayor Wise in attendance (Comm. Marketti was absent.) (*Also in attendance: Barb Bexson, Clerk)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes/June 22 Special Board Meeting motion Comm. Rankovich/second Comm. Hibler
roll call vote: Comm. Hileman passed/all others in favor

Current listing of bills motion Comm. Rankovich/second Comm. Hileman
roll call vote: unanimous

Comm. Hileman reported that maintenance employee Steve Baker did not pass his sewer license testing and would be re-taking the exam on August 1.

Comm. Rankovich asked what will be done with the black dirt being removed during the Gardner Grade School road project. Comm. Hileman responded that the Village is taking the dirt which will be delivered to and stocked at the Sewer Plant.

Resident Tom Perkins was present to thank the Council for the placement of the signs giving directions to the Village's historic jail. He referred to the sign-in book at the jail and highlighted some of the comments made by visitors. He also pointed out that some of those visitors also patronize our local businesses.

Tom next brought up the Hillman property at the corner of Division and Spencer Streets and that he understands the parcel is to be placed on auction sale in a short while. He reminded that the Village has a lien on this property and, because it faces the park and jail, he would like to see the Village acquire this land and possibly, at some time a mural might be painted on the side of the apartment building next to it, which would dress up this section of the Village. Comm. Hileman pointed out that when the original building on this property was taken down, additional sample testing would have been needed to determine that the soil conditions met acceptable IEPA standards; this was not done due to the costs involved.

Lastly, Tom asked the Council to consider holding one of its meetings in the Boy Scout Cabin; he asked to be given advance notice so that the cabin can be clean and in order.

Prior to closing this meeting, Mayor Wise asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in honor and recognition of George Porth, former long-time Village Commissioner and Zoning Board Member who recently passed away.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 p.m. by Comm. Hibler seconded by Comm. Rankovich; all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner