The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with Comms. Hibler, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise in attendance (Comm. Rankovich was absent.) (*Also in attendance: Barb Bexson/Clerk, Scott Belt/Attorney, Guy Christensen/Engineer)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes/June 26	motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Marketti roll call vote: unanimous
Current listing of bills	motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Hibler roll call vote: unanimous

At the request of and motion by Comm. Hileman, an additional bill, payable to Grundy County Sheriff's Department in the amount of $16,468.00 for annual contractual service was included with payments; second was made by Comm. Hibler. Roll call vote: Comm. Marketti passed; all others voted in favor.

Tawnya Mack of Echols, Mack & Associates, presented the Council with the results of their audit of Village financials. She gave a summary of the report distributed and compared revenues and expenditures in the various funds for this fiscal year versus the previous. In closing, she reported that record keeping and data are in order and the Village remains in good financial condition. With this complete, the Council accepted and will place on permanent file, the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006. Motion Comm. Marketti/second Comm. Hileman; roll call vote unanimous.

Attorney Belt:

Reported that a public hearing will be held before the Planning & Zoning Board on August 1 at 7:00 pm to consider the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. At Village Planner Mike Hoffman's suggestion, an open house will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. that same date to hear public comments and questions. A recommendation may come before the Village Council at it's August 14 meeting.

Provided an ordinance draft of a new zoning category, R2A, three and four unit residence district for discussion after Council review.

Provided suggestions from Teska Associates on impact fees for discussion after Council review.

Provided a draft of a boundary line agreement between the Villages of Gardner and Mazon; this was also furnished to the Planning & Zoning Board. All are to review prior to further action.

Provided a draft of Planned Development regulations and requested review and suggestions.

Told there is some question on continuity, concerning the possible annexation of the Bull Family property; the Council agreed that Attorney Belt should proceed with research.

Comm. Marketti questioned putting impact fees in place upon acceptance of the Comprehensive Plan. Attorney Belt responded that this does not have to happen at the same time, however, when this is complete, the Village is in a position to discuss and implement these fees.

Comm. Hileman:

Reported that the $700,000 TIF Fund CD recently matured and has been renewed for one year at a rate of 5.5%

Told of discussions on a boundary line agreement with the Village of Dwight; with prior concern on two parcels in our grade school district, he explained that the school and Village boundary agreements are separate.

Informed that the Village is taking all of the black dirt being removed with the grade school's drive and parking lot project. The Village will keep some of this for projects and, in response to requests, suggests the remainder be sold at $30/semi-load. As the Council agreed, Comm. Hileman will keep track of the loads sold so that none is taken at no-charge.

Commented that there is approximately $48,000 in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and that work on So. Jackson Street will be very costly. As that area is not within the TIF District, he reminded that TIF Funds could be borrowed but not used without reimbursement for that project.

Told that he has looked over the resumes and applications received for the maintenance department position; he requested executive session for the next meeting to discuss.

Comm. Marketti again brought up the Habitat house being built on Odell Street and reminded that Engineer Guy Christensen originally estimated bringing the sewer line to the property at $6,000. The bid then received from Redford Excavating was $8,785 and because this was over the estimate, Fatlan Trucking was asked to submit a quote which came in at $24,750. Comm. Hileman stated that, including the $6,000 the Village has already committed to this project, building permit and tap-on fees for this and the other two (2) Habitat houses were waived, all totaling over $12,000; he feels this to be a more than generous donation by the Village taxpayers. After Comm. Marketti inserted his feeling that, since a building permit was issued by the Village, the Village then has an obligation to bring sewer to the property line; he then motioned to accept Redford Excavating's bid of $8,875, with Comm. Hibler seconding. Upon roll call vote, Comms. Marketti and Hibler voted in favor while Comm. Hileman and Mayor Wise voted against (motion was defeated). Mayor Wise added that he too feels the Village has donated generously to these projects.

As updates, Engineer Guy Christensen:

told he is in receipt of the contract compliance information from Maguire Iron for the watertower exterior coating project and has forwarded same to Attorney Scott Belt for review.

reported that, according to his conversation with the representative from Mug-A-Bug, initial spraying of the railroad ditch will be done near the end of July, with the second application approximately three (3) weeks later. The Council expressed their desire that this be done prior to Gardner Days.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti; all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner