The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present. (Comms. Hibler, Hileman, Rankovich, Marketti and Mayor Wise) (*Also in attendance: Barb Bexson/Clerk, John Bates/Attorney, Guy Christensen/Engineer)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes/July 10	motion Comm. Rankovich/second Comm. Hibler roll call vote: unanimous
Financial Report/June 2006	motion Comm. Marketti/second Comm. Rankovich roll call vote: unanimous
Current listing of bills	motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Hibler roll call vote: unanimous
VG06-411 FY07 Appropriation Ordinance	motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Hibler roll call vote: unanimous
Waive building permit fee for shed at senior housing	motion Comm. Rankovich/second Comm. Hileman roll call vote: unanimous

Present was Jeff James to speak with the Council on reimbursement of accumulated sick days upon employee resignation. Attorney Bates pointed to the November 10, 2003 amended employee policy, section 6/paragraph h, which states, in part, "upon retirement, an employee shall be paid in cash for fifty percent (50%) of his/her unused sick time, with the remaining balance of sick pay credited to his/her years of service as provided for under the rules of his/her retirement system". After Jeff brought up the old employee policy, it was explained to him that the new policy controls, with it's effective date.

Comm. Hileman alerted that there will be substantial increases in the Village's electric rates next year and reminded that the assistance program the Village had with Accurate Consulting was no longer in effect as the rate was discontinued by ComEd. He also told of a possible electric buying cooperative being formed for municipalities; more information on this should be received in the near future.

As Maguire Iron failed to provide complete compliance information as required under Resolution R99-227, Defining Responsible Bidder, their low bid for the watertower exterior painting project was rejected. Village Engineer Guy Christensen was directed to begin the compliance process with the next low bidder. (Motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Hibler, roll vote was unanimous)

Street light problems were noted at Peck and Parker Streets and at Parker and Center Streets. ComEd is to be contacted for repair.

There was again conversation on the boundary line agreement with the Village of Dwight. Comm. Hileman explained an updated boundary map and told that the Village of Dwight is also reviewing this same information. There was lengthy discussion on this agreement, in particular a portion which would be in the Village of Dwight but with two homes in the Gardner Grade School District.

At 7:30 p.m. the Council entered into executive session for the purpose of discussion of employee appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal, allowed pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion made by Comm. Hileman, second by Comm. Hibler; roll vote was unanimous. At 8:40 p.m. regular session was reconvened. Motion made by Comm. Rankovich, second by Comm. Hileman; roll vote was unanimous.

The following motion was then made: George Churchill will be suspended without pay, effective at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25. He is ordered to turn in all Village keys and any other Village properties in his possession and directed not to enter Village property or to harass any Village employee. He is to be informed that he may appear before the Village Council on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. at a termination hearing at which time he will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in accordance with the Village of Gardner Employee Policy, Section 3, Paragraph d. Motion Comm. Rankovich/second Comm. Hileman, roll vote was unanimous.

The Council also decided that commencing with the August meeting, all expenditures, including payroll, will be presented at each meeting. Motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Rankovich, roll vote was unanimous.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Rankovich, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner