The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 11, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present. Comms. Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. (Comms. Hibler and Rankovich were 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:

Special Mtg. Minutes/August 24	motion Comm. Marketti/second Comm. Hileman roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0 (absent 2)
Regular Mtg. Minutes/August 28	motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Marketti roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0 (absent 2)
Financial Report/August 2006	motion Comm. Marketti/second Comm. Hileman roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0 (absent 2)
Current listing of bills	motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Marketti roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0 (absent 2)

Comm. Hileman: Asked Village Engineer Guy Christensen (Chamlin & Assoc.) about bidding and completing this year, a watermain replacement project on W. Washington Street, noting two (2) recent watermain breaks along this street. The area defined would be from the railroad crossing on Washington St. west to East Street. Specifications will be prepared and bids readied for the next meeting. (motion Comm. Hileman/second Comm. Marketti; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0)

Eng.Guy Christensen: Reported that Mug-A-Bug has sprayed the railroad ditch areas for the second time and is prepared to return next spring for completion.

Told that at the next meeting he will have the specifications on a generator for the lift station on S. Jackson Street.

Atty. Scott Belt: Provided plat information to Council Members on the Bull Family properties to verify that the parcel information is identical to that previously reviewed.

The Council authorized Comm. Hileman to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Test Inc., for the operation of the Village water and waste water facilities. (motion Comm. Marketti/second Mayor Wise; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0)

Brent Newman of the Grundy Housing Authority spoke to the Council about parking at the senior housing units, explaining that there are some problems with loading/unloading at the front, including visitors who park in this front area. They would like to make improvements to the area, adding parallel parking spaces.

Attorney Belt explained that at the time of construction, it was determined there was adequate off-street parking. This request, however, would not be making an adjustment in the off-street parking requirement but an approval to allow the Housing Authority to improve the parkway. It would be supplemental parking, essentially a private entity making improvements to a public right-of-way and the Board would have discretion to allow them to do this, as long as it is built to the Village's subdivision code and subject to the Village Engineer's approval, without going through the variance process.

Responding to an ordinance concern, Attorney Belt told that no change is needed to the current ordinance as this request is within the boundary of the public right-of-way; the only time to focus on off-street parking requirements is when it is to be completely off-street; a site review within the boundaries of the private property, completely outside the right-of-way, would be conducted and actual off-street parking calculations done.

Brent Newman will be working with Guy; engineering drawings will be submitted to the Board at a later date.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:17 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Marketti, all present in agreement.

Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner