The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 25, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present. Comms. Hibler, Rankovich, Hileman, Marketti and Mayor Wise. (*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/September 11, 2006	motion Hileman/second Marketti roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0 pass 2 (Hibler/Rankovich)
Current listing of bills	motion Hileman/second Marketti roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0 pass 1 (Rankovich)
Payment to Rub Ford	motion Hileman/second Hibler roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0 pass 2 (Rankovich/Wise)
Payment to Marketti Service	motion Hileman/second Hibler roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0 pass 2 (Rankovich/Marketti)

Atty. Scott Belt: Presented an ordinance designating stop intersections at Cookie Lane at Jackson Street and at Ida Lane at Jackson Street. Ordinance was accepted and the Public Works Department will be directed to install appropriate signage. [motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Rankovich)]

Comm. Hileman: As the next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 9 (Columbus Day), suggested and Council accepted cancellation of this meeting. [motion Hileman/second Marketti; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Rankovich)]

Comm. Hileman reported he had a meeting with the Grade and High Schools on impact fees. After reading an article on a recent High School board meeting in the Morris Herald, he feels there appears to be some mis-communication. The article reported that only about 50 additional students can be accommodated whereas Comms. Hileman and Rankovich feel Supt. Joe Ciaccio previously stated the number at 200.

Discussion followed on: (1) the accuracy of the $10,000 per new home constructed, which GSW High School feels it needs in fees, (2) the need for new homes at a controlled rate, so that current businesses will stay and new may be opened, (3) comparisons to other towns regarding impact fees which in some cases were not put in place until new construction had already started, and (4) monies received by the High School from the State, from taxes and additionally from TIF

Attorney Belt reminded that Guy Christensen (Chamlin & Assoc.) has been working on information and figures regarding growth projections and will have this information soon for assistance to the Council in setting these fees.

Comm. Rankovich added that in the seven (7) years he has been a Commissioner, monies have been spent on projects, however more monies have been taken in and that this Council has not lied to the people. He also added that he understands GSW High School will backdoor a referendum for $600,000. It was further stated that the school's attorney was pleased that the Village was having conversation with them as many towns do not do this.

Comm. Hileman reminded too that the Village has kept its taxes down and has not taken the allowable 5% increase each year. He voiced concern that the High School has not had talks also with the Villages of Braceville and So. Wilmington regarding impact fees. After it was reported that the Village should be receiving additional information after the High School meets with the other grade schools for fee discussions, Comm. Marketti stated his feeling that the Village should give them a chance to get their figures together but the Village cannot continue to wait to make a decision.

Comm. Rankovich: Presented his letter of resignation, effective immediately, precipitated by his recent relocation to Carbon Hill. He thanked the Council and residents for allowing him to serve. This

resignation was then accepted (motion Hileman/second Marketti; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0)

Comm. Marketti: Told that the report has been received from the I.E.P.A. with results from their annual inspection of the Village's Water Plant and that a response will be made.

After hearing from Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc., the Council agreed to place notice for a watermain replacement project on Washington Street from East to Center Streets. Bids will be accepted until, and opened at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 12. A Special Meeting will then be held at 6:00 p.m. that same evening for possible awarding of the contract.

Mayor Wise: Suggested that Halloween trick or treat hours in the Village again be from 4 to 6 pm on October 31 (Tuesday); All Council Members agreed. (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0)

Reported that he will be setting dates to meet with the Village's of Braceville and So. Wilmington for discussions on boundary line agreements. Attorney Belt suggested a meeting may also be needed with Coal City to discuss a small boundary area (Fillman Road to Broadway Street).

At 7:45 p.m. Council Members entered into executive session for the purpose of discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal, allowed pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act (motion Marketti/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0). At 8:15 p.m. regular session was reconvened (motion Marketti/second Hileman; roll rote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Salary increases of 3% were then given to both Barbara Bexson (Clerk) and Margaret Fosnaugh (Deputy Clerk); a $1.00 per hour increase was given to Steven Baker. All increases are retroactive to the first payroll of the current fiscal year.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 p.m. by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Hibler, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner