The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 11, 2006 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Serena, Hileman, 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/November 27 — motion Hileman/second Hibler
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Marketti)

Financial Report/November 2006 — motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Listing(s) of bills (Current/Ratify) — motion Hileman/second Hibler
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Ordinance for the Levy & Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2006 and Ending April 30, 2007 of the Village of Gardner (VG06-422) — motion Hileman/second Marketti
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Heretofore Levied by the Village of Gardner in Connection with the Issue of $210,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 1997 for the 2007 Fiscal Year (VG06-423) — motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

2007 Council Meeting Schedule — motion Hileman/second Hibler
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Attorney Bates

Reminded the Council of a memo previously provided to them concerning changes made to the Open Meetings Act which allows for electronic attendance of members of a public body at regular, rescheduled or reconvened meetings of the public body, subject to certain limitations. He suggests, if the Village would intend to utilize this change. passage of an ordinance should be considered to define rules.

Comm. Hileman

Prior to acceptance of the Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for FY2007, explained that this is the same amount of dollars as last year.

Again brought up the contract received from Shaw's for tent rental for Gardner Days; if this is not signed and the deposit paid by the first of the year, there will be an increase in price. He added his feeling that this contract should not be executed if there is uncertainty that the festival will be held in 2007. (Council agreed.)

Informed that the Village's current 2006 IMRF contribution rate is 7.25% which will decrease to 6.19% in 2007.

Related that final TIF property tax disbursements were recently made; total disbursements made this year were:

Gardner Grade School	$332,727.68
GSW High School	$326,784.41
Gardner Fire District	$ 77,918.90

Village of Gardner $290,630.13

Comm. Hileman (continued)

Reported that he recently asked maintenance workers to clean up at the water treatment plant prior to the annual E.P.A. inspection and that the Village received $272 from the sale of scrap iron taken to the recycle facility. Additional scrap was sold today in the amount of $401. With these monies, used, along with the cable advertising revenues, he recommended each of the four (4) employees receive $200 Christmas bonuses, noting that these monies are not generated from taxpayer dollars. Motion Hileman/second Marketti; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0.

Had meetings a few months ago with the attorney representing the Bull Family Partnership property and told him that the Village will not spend those monies as illustrated for water and sewer extension or road upgrades. As another letter was recently received indicating they would again like to meet, asked if the Council continued to agree with this. Council members remain in agreement that the Village cannot fund these improvements; Comm. Marketti, however, added that the Village might consider a recapture agreement.

Comm. Hibler

Explained information and pricing received on the used pesticide spraying machines; price on the one suggested is $4,625 and is about eight (8) years old (a new machine would cost $9,000 to $10,000). After conversation on the ages and number of hours on all the machines listed, all agreed that the Village might want to consider a newer model with fewer hours. The Council finally agreed that Comm. Hibler be authorized to spend up to $9000 for a pesticide spraying machine which he feels to be suitable for the Village. (motion Hileman/second Marketti; roll: ayes 5, nays 0)

Comm. Marketti

Commented that discussions have gone on for quite some time on impact fees and feels that these should be put into place prior to the start of the new fiscal year. Would like discussions on school impact fees, along with those for the Village, to begin at the first meeting in January, with hopes to pass at the second meeting.

Guy Christensen (Chamlin & Assoc.)

Reported he is trying to schedule meeting with Greg Hill concerning specifications for the generator at the Jackson Street lift station.

Mayor Wise

Informed that the Village of Gardner is sponsoring a Christmas decorating contest for residents. The house decorations will be judged on December 20 and wreaths will be awarded to each of the three (3) winners.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner