The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2007 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Serena, 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/January 8, 2007	motion Hileman/second Hibler roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Financial Report/December 2006	motion Marketti/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Listing(s) of bills (Current/Ratify)	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Attorney Belt

Presented the resolution for school impact fees, explaining that this takes in both the schools facilities impact fees and the transition fee (the Village of Gardner is believed to be the first area community to adopt that fee). It was pointed out that, unlike the previously adopted land cash ordinance (restricted to land and bricks and mortar), these funds can be used for operations, maintenance, etc. Also reminded was that these fees are imposed only on newly annexed residential properties. Comm. Marketti noted that, as he had previously requested, the annual increases are based on Council consideration each calendar year. Resolution R07-255, Establishing Policy Requiring Payment of School Facilities Impact Fees as a Condition of Annexation of Residential Real Property to the Village of Gardner was accepted (motion Hileman/second Marketti; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Comm. Hileman

Told he has received a quote of $875.50 (includes mileage) from Peerless for training of the maintenance employees on their equipment at the water plant. Accepted this quote (motion Marketti/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Told he met with Gary Grossman of NIMEC to discuss the possibility of the Village saving monies on electrical pumping rates at the water and sewer plants. After review of his calculations, it appears the Village can realize a reduction of 13% to 20% per month. The Village first would be required to become of member of this co-operative ($100 annual fee) and would then need to execute a sales agreement on the day of bid (at which time pricing would be provided for consideration). Council agreed this should be placed on the February 12 agenda.

Brought up last meeting's request to Guy Christensen for prioritization of the list of needed watermain replacements; said he reviewed both the financials and areas of replacement, stating that, due to costs, all of these cannot be done at this time. This also will be placed on the February 12 agenda, at which time Guy will report on those located within the TIF District.

Reminded that there has been much discussion on purchasing a generator for the lift station on So. Jackson Street. It appears that this generator will cost approximately $23,000, with an additional $10,000 to $12,000 for installation. This too will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Two residents who wished to discuss recent letters they received regarding ordinance violations were recognized:

Mr. Martin Diaz (412 W. Main St.) received a letter regarding abandoned/inoperable vehicles and the operation of a business (landscaping/tree trimming) in a residential

area. It was suggested that Mr. Diaz needs to find another location for his business as this is not allowable in a residentially zoned area; he was granted a 30-day extension to comply.

Mrs. William Yuras (102 N. East St.) received a letter regarding an abandoned vehicle; she explained that this vehicle is operable and although unlicensed at this time, it has been moved to the rear of their property while they decide whether to sell or license it. According to Comm. Marketti, because there is now no violation, this letter is to be disregarded.

Comm. Marketti

Reminded that Chamlin & Assoc. did a study on proposed water/sewer impact fees (a copy was provided to Attorney Belt for review). These monies would be used for both water and sewer system upgrades and expansions and would impact not only new residential developments but commercial and industrial as well. Attorney Belt added that this is an excellent follow-up to the Village's new Comprehensive Plan. He requested that this be placed on agenda for the next meeting for adopting.

Also proposed the need to look into increases in fees for water/sewer tap ons, building permit fees and inspection fees. Comm. Hileman reminded that the cost of the new radio-read water meters represents a substantial increase in cost. Attorney Belt brought up his March 2006 letter to Mayor Wise which introduced various impact fees, including those now mentioned, which the Council could consider. These will again be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Comm. Serena

Concerning street maintenance projects for 2007, asked that this be looked into for consideration along with any watermain replacement projects to be done. Guy will look into this also.

Reported he spoke with the maintenance employees regarding the current stock of road salt; they feel the supply is adequate at this time.

Mayor Wise

Reported that Gardner will host an all-town garage sale on May 5 and 6, to coincide with special events being planned along the Rt. 66 corridor in our area. An ad for the Village of Gardner will be placed in the brochure at a cost of $200. A committee will be formed to help with this event.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner