The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 12, 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, John Bates/Attorney)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes/January 22, 2007 — motion Hileman/second Hibler
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Financial Report/January, 2007 — motion Marketti/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Listing(s) of bills (Current/Ratify) — motion Hileman/second Marketti
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Cintas/clothing allowance bill is removed. Bills accepted as amended. (Cintas bill can be paid after review/ approval by Comm.Hileman)

Agenda

1. After Attorney Bates pointed out that the Council had reviewed the water and wastewater impact fee study done by Chamlin & Assoc., An Ordinance Adopting and Implementing The Village of Gardner Water & Sewer Infrastructure Development Policy (VG07-424) was accepted (motion Hileman/second Marketti; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

2. The annual contract for animal control services received from the Grundy County Board was accepted (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: Marketti/pass, ayes 4, nays 0).

3. Concerning the NIMEC co-op membership, Comm. Hileman updated that we were not able to be included with the last bid group on February 20; a decision now needs to be made in order to be included in the next bid. He restated that this could help the Village save from $200 to $400 per month on the water/sewer electric pumping charges. He explained that rates are received on the bid date and, if not acceptable, the Village is not obligated to be included in the bid. Comm. Hileman was then given authority to enter into an agreement with NIMEC if the rates received benefit the Village (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

4. Resident Tom Perkins spoke concerning the Rt. 66 Red Carpet Corridor and told of upcoming events, including Gardner's all-town garage sale on May 5 and 6, which coincides with events being held by other towns in the area. The Village will have an ad in brochures to be distributed throughout the State. Tom will also be talking to local businesses/organizations to see if they would also like to do something to welcome these visitors. He lastly reported that he will continue to update information on our local cable access channel and requested Council support. Council agreed (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Tom reported too that the sign near the medical center pointing out the location of the old jail was stolen and that there was a wonderful article about this theft placed in area newspapers by Lenore Weiss, a member of the Rt. 66 organization. He then told that Artistic Signs in Joliet, who originally made these signs, is replacing this sign at no-charge.

Attorney Bates

Told he spoke with Atty. Joan Harrop concerning a letter sent to George Harrop (306 S. Peck St.) on abandoned/inoperable equipment (driveway sealer, etc.); She told that attempts are currently being made to have the item(s) in violation removed.

Reported on a letter he recently sent to Mayor Wise concerning the February 14 Sheriff's Sale on the William Lamping property (305 W. Jefferson St.). As the property

will be sold back to the bank for the mortgage amount, his feeling is that it is unlikely this parcel will be purchased for a higher amount than the mortgage, thus, the Village will probably not recoup any monies from its lien

Attorney Bates (continued)

Informed that on May 3 State's Attorney Sheldon Sobol, with assistance from area attorneys, will again hold a seminar on The Illinois Open Meetings Act and strongly suggested that all Council members should attend. Detailed information on this will be sent nearer to the date.

Comm. Hileman

Again brought up discussion on the possible purchase of a generator for the lift station at So. Jackson Street. The purchase price for a generator, large enough for future growth in that area, would be approximately $24,000 (CAT), not including installation costs (estimated to be $10,000 to $12,000). Council agreed that this purchase should be made. (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Told that, as Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. is not present, he would like to speak further with him on the listing of future watermain replacements. Along with showing estimated costs, this list is prioritized by those located within the TIF District. He explained that due to costs, all project locations cannot be completed at this time.

Reported that he will be moving some monies in various Village funds for the purchase of additional CD's, totaling approximately $250,000.

Comm. Hibler

Spoke again about the pesticide training class, relating some incorrect information he had received on the training needed. He has since learned there are two (2) different classes required, each being a full day class. A session is being held February 20 & 21 in Matteson; another will be held later in Forsythe. Classes are $40 each (the Village will be reimbursed for the monies sent for the incorrect class). As these are full-day sessions, the Council feels both maintenance employees should attend but not be gone at the same time; one will go to Matteson and the other will then go to Forsythe. (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: ayes 5, nays o).

Gardner Planning & Zoning Chairman Eric Fosnaugh talked with the Council on current vacancies on this Board and suggested an individual (John Hopwood) to fill one position. As this was not on the current agenda, he was advised it will be placed for the February 26 meeting. Eric also told that the P&Z Board no longer has a secretary to take minutes and place appropriate notices and stressed the importance to have a person do this. Tom Perkins added that while he was Chairman, a secretary was always present for these duties. The Council responded that in the future, information for postings can be given to the Clerk for preparation and that, as in many other towns, the P&Z Board should appoint one of their members to take minutes.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner