The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 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, Guy Christensen, Engineer)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes/February 12, 2007	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Listing(s) of bills (Current/Ratify)	motion Marketti/second Hibler roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Appointment of John Hopwood to to the Planning & Zoning Board	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

1. Gary Cox brought up questions and made comments concerning the generator for the lift station on So. Jackson St. He first asked and learned that it has not yet been purchased. Concerning any past problems, Comm. Hileman told there have been instances of flooding and, in addition, the generator would assist Village employees should there be future problems with power interruptions at the lift station. Resident Bill Gerrish inserted that he recalls 3 or 4 times that the red alarm light was on; he would then contact the public works director (Joe Bexson) to alert him of a possible problem.

   He next asked about the generator size. Engineer Guy Christensen responded with this information and showed specification information he had. It was also reported that size consideration was given for future growth and additional lift stations. Gary was also told that placement would be in the road right-of-way area and that $35,000 to $40,000 was budgeted for this project. Lastly, Gary questioned if other vendors had been contacted for specifications and pricing, adding that he had learned of less costly pricing; to this, Comm. Hileman said that there are numerous vendors with many different pricing levels.

2. Randy Wilkey began by asking if there are plans to screen in this lift station/generator area as he feels it is an eyesore. He then voiced his displeasure with monies spent with letters from both the Village and Fire Department attorneys, citing letters written concerning his previous question on the generator meeting codes. It was explained to him by Attorney Bates that it is his job to research this type issue. Comm. Marketti also commented that the Council relies on both the Village engineer and attorney for their advise and expertise.

Attorney Bates

Updated that the Lamping house on Jefferson Street was sold at auction to the mortgage holder for $60,000 and that the Village will not recoup any monies under its lien. With concerns for the condition and upkeep of this property, the Council directed the attorney to write a letter to the mortgage company regarding its maintenance.

Provided a memo to the Council regarding changes in the Open Meetings Act; definition was changed to include gathering by electronic means, including e-mail

Again reminded of the May 3 seminar to be hosted by Grundy County State's Attorney Sheldon Sobol on the subject of the Open Meetings Act.

Comm. Serena

Commented on a job well done by the maintenance employees with snow removal

during the recent heavy snowfalls.

Engineer Guy Christensen

Watermain replacement information (areas and costs) have been provided. The Council will now decide on action.

Suggested that he and Comm. Serena should get together to review a possible Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance project for 2007, taking into consideration those areas to have watermain replacements done. He briefly explained past procedures for street maintenance projects under the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

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. Marketti all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner