The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2007 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Mayor Wise. (*AIso in attendance: Barb Bexson/Clerk, John Bates/Attorney)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes/March 12 (previously tabled)	motion Hileman/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Minutes/March 26	motion Serena/second Hileman roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Listing(s) of bills (Current/Ratify)	motion Hibler/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Additional Bill Payment (Fatlan Trucking/$3,067.95 for alley repair project)	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

1. Mike Pokornicki, listed to speak concerning the whole Village and fire department, chose not to make comment.

Comm. Hileman

Reported that the Village contribution rate for IMRF in 2007 was 6.19%, which will be reduced to 4.57in 2008.

Reminded first that the current TIF agreement was previously extended for an additional thirteen (13) years. Then informed that he has been working with the Village's TIF attorney, Tom Jacob on the creation of an Industrial TIF District for the area west of Interstate 55. He briefly explained that this is made possible when unemployment in the County reaches a certain level and that it differs from the current TIF District in that other taxing bodies do not have to be included in the same manner. He added that when this is in place and expenditures paid, those other taxing bodies (Gardner Grade School, GSW High School, Gardner Fire Protection District, along with the Village of Gardner) would then be compensated. Comm. Hileman further told that there is interest in this area and that he has recently met with a developer who is looking at about 300 acres. Lastly he told that he will soon be receiving additional information and that Tom Jacob will be present at the April 23 Council Meeting for discussion.

Comm. Gerrish

Reported that Brandt Excavating has started restoration work at the Washington Street watermain project and believes this should be completed soon, pending good weather conditions.

Told he has spoken with Guy Christensen of Chamlin concerning repair work to the water tower. This project has already been bid but the Village is still awaiting test results on the paint.

Has reviewed the four (4) areas suggested for watermain repair; these will be put out to bid shortly.

Reviewed financials and recommended the annual water rate increase be abated; this was accepted by the Council (motion Gerrish/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Comm. Serena

Reported that the alley repair project has been completed by Fatlan Trucking and feels a good job was done by this contractor at a reasonable cost (approximately $3000).

Told he and Guy Christensen looked over the streets being considered for repair; the cost for this project is estimated to be under $61,000. Guy will prepare the appropriate resolution for the next meeting.

Mayor Wise

Told a letter was received from GSW High School requesting donations to the annual prom lock-in event. A donation of $500 was accepted (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Reported that Village plumbing inspector Joe Winchell has submitted his resignation, to become effective May 5.

Accepted a proclamation from the Gardner Lions and declared May 4, 2007 as Lions Tootsie Pop Day in the Village of Gardner; he asked all residents to support this cause if possible.

As properly noticed, at 7:15 p.m. Council Members entered into executive session for the purpose to discuss employment, compensation and performance of specific employees (allowed pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: unanimous). At 7:50 p.m. regular session was reconvened (motion Hileman/second Hibler; roll vote: unanimous).

It was then motioned by Comm. Hileman and seconded by Comm. Hibler, with unanimous roll vote, that all full-time Village employees receive a 4% salary increase and that the Village treasurer receive a $400 annual increase; all increases to be effective with the new fiscal year.

In response to a question by resident Gary Cox, the Council told the drop-off area at the senior housing is being worked on, noting that this area will be one-way, for emergency vehicles only and will be graveled at this time. He was further informed that the Grundy Housing Authority is paying for this project.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:58 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner