The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2007 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Gerrish 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 of April 23, 2007	motion Hileman/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Financial Report Month of April, 2007	motion Serena/second Hibler roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Listing of Bills (current)	motion Hileman/second Hibler roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Ordinance to post caution signs at the intersection of Jackson & Dwight Sts. for child with disabilities (VG07-426)	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Proclamation for May 25 Poppy Day to honor veterans (American Legion Auxiliary)	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Tag day fundraiser on May 26 for GSW High School cheerleaders	motion Hileman/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Execution of professional services agreement with Thomas N. Jacob & Assoc. (Industrial TIF District) (VG07-425)	motion Hileman/second Hibler roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

AGENDA

Mary Walsh, representing the Gardner Grade School PTG spoke to the Council concerning their request for assistance from the Gardner Fire Department for water for their May 30 picnic. She told they were informed by the Fire Department that permission for water useage would be needed from the Village. Comm. Hileman told he saw no problem with this. Comm. Gerrish suggested the Fire Department may want to use their well. As it was also discussed that water might be pulled from a hydrant, Comm. Gerrish will speak with the Fire Department.

Attorney Belt

Updated on the progress of the Industrial TIF District being considered. Told there are two (2) meeting to be held: the first is to be a special meeting on May 23 with Atty. Jacob in attendance, for acceptance of two (2) ordinances; one to establish the Interested Parties Registry, the other to establish the date for the public hearing. The second meeting is an informational meeting only (not a special meeting) on Tuesday, May 29 to meet with the property owners situated within the proposed TIF. After receiving a map of the proposed TIF area (approx. 2100 acres), Council learned: letters will be sent to those property owners affected, Atty. Jacob will handle notice of public hearing, Clerk will prepare meeting notices/agenda. He also cited an area along the north side of Gardner Road that may need attention concerning the Comprehensive Plan.

Recalling he was asked to look at the Zoning Code as to the need to create new categories for certain uses, he presented two (2) draft ordinances. The first creates a B3 (commercial) category and the second splits the current Manufacturing category. The current Manufacturing class would be renamed as M1 and basically remains the same with the exception that would allow permitted uses from B2 which would,

according to Tom Jacob, qualify those properties for the possibility of a redevelopment agreement under the TIF Act. The new M2 classification addresses typically unfavorable uses and lists these as conditional permitted uses. A public hearing is scheduled before the Zoning Board on June 5 when both of these ordinances will be considered; their findings and recommendations will then come before the Village Board for action at its next meeting.

Comm. Gerrish

Gave a brief update on the water tower maintenance project, explaining that we are still awaiting test results on the exterior paint.

On the watermain repair project, told that after reviewing records, he is considering removal of the portion on N. Elm Street at this time, feeling that some monies can be saved for future bids.

Comm. Serena

Reminded that the State has vacated Rt. 129 and, if this growth begins to happen, the Village may want to consider posting a speed zone in this area.

From the audience:

A street light outage was reported at North and Monroe Streets (Clerk will notify ComEd).

County Board Member Tom Poole reported that, at their election committee meeting, there was a 24.01% turnout at the April 17 elections.

On traffic problems, Tracy Lenzie, resident on N Monroe St., reported numerous speeding vehicles on Monroe and East Streets. Comm. Marketti will check into this and suggested contacting 911.

As there was no further business at this time, a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and to reconvene at 7:40 p.m. this same date by Comm Hileman, seconded by Comm. Gerrish with all in agreement.

At 7:40 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2007, the Gardner Village Council meeting was reconvened and called to order with the introduction of the newly elected Village Council Members:

Mayor:	Tom Wise
Commissioners:	Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish, Mike Serena, Gary Cox

Mayor Wise opened with the following appointments:

Commissioner/Finance	Dick Hileman
Commissioner/Public Health & Safety	Gary Cox
Commissioner/Streets & Public Improvements	Mike Serena
Commissioner/Public Property	Bill Gerrish
Village Clerk	Barbara Bexson
Attorney	Scott M. Belt & Assoc
Village Engineer	Chamlin & Assoc.
Village Treasurer	Sheryl McDaniel

Judge Lance Peterson was then introduced to administer the oath of office to Mayor Wise, Comms. Hileman, Gerrish, Cox and Serena and Village Clerk Bexson.

Comm. Cox

Brought up the newly elected official seminar to be held soon, sponsored by the Illinois Municipal League; told that he would like to attend and feels this would be very beneficial to all council members. Council agreed the Village would pay seminar fees for any member who wishes to attend.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner