The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2007 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Cox, Serena, Hileman and Mayor Wise (Comm. Gerrish was absent). (*Also in attendance: Barb Bexson/Clerk, Scott Belt/Attorney, Guy Christensen/Engineer)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the July 12, 2007 meeting were tabled.

Accepted were:

Listing of Bills (current) — motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Appropriations for All Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2007 and Ending April 30, 2008 (VG07-432) — motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

AGENDA

Item concerning discussion and possible action on appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals was tabled.

Comm. Hileman

Informed that the $700,000 TIF cd had matured and was extended for an additional one (1) year. Other monies are being looked at with cd's to be opened for better interest rates.

Comm. Serena

Provided information from other municipalities on building permits to Comm. Cox for his review.

Comm. Cox

Regarding a building committee, recommended that this be formed with the following members: Dave Zazworsky, Jeff Bexson, Dean Rankovich, Mike Pasternak, Randy Wilkey and self. Comm. Hileman asked why Randy Wilkey was named to this committee and what life safety had to do with building permits. Comm. Cox responded that his experience can be helpful with issues such as building egress, fire protection, sprinkler systems, etc. and that he is only one person on this committee. Comm. Hileman added that the Village Council can dissolve this committee at any time. Council agreed that this committee be formed with those recommended members (motion Serena/second Cox; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Also recommended the formation of a beautification committee with the following members: Barb Phillips, Ida Schopp, Karen & Tom Perkins, Donna Hampson, Julie Hughes and self (Comm. Serena told that Don Jensen has expressed interest in this committee). Comm. Hileman stated he has no objections to this committee and hopes they can assist Comm. Cox with ideas for clean-up in the Village (junk vehicles, abandoned properties, etc.); Comm. Cox answered that ideas will help as clean-up has not happened in eight (8) years. Council agreed that this committee be formed with those recommended members (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Brought forward two (2) quotes (a third quote request was not returned) for tree removal on S. Railroad St. and the northwest corner of East and Jefferson Sts. Comm. Hileman told the tree on East/Jefferson is on private property and should not be Village responsibility. It was agreed Comm. Cox will have the S Railroad St. tree removed at the low quoted price.

Told he has asked the maintenance employees to trim back low branches that are hanging over sidewalk areas, specifically, Peck and Main Sts., and Grundy and Wilmington Sts.

Engineer Guy Christensen

Spoke with the Council on details and the cost to bring water service to the Gardner Chronicle Antiques building on Depot Street. Fatlan Trucking submitted a cost of $4,825 to do this job, which does not include street patching or putting service in to the building. Council agreed that this job will be done (motion Hileman/second Cox; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0). Comm. Hileman first stated that only the Village, not any individual has the right to cap a water line. As there are questions as to the Fire Department's responsibility for this, Comm. Hileman asked Atty. Belt if the Village has the right to hold TIF property tax payments to the Fire District until this is resolved; Atty. Belt feels he should speak with the Fire District.

Engineer Guy Christensen (continued)

On the water tower maintenance, told that Jetco Ltd. would be bringing in their equipment before the start of the job.

On the 2007 Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance project. told bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, July 24.

Regarding maintenance of the railroad ditch area, informed that Mug-a-Bug will be spraying in 2 to 3 weeks and will contact him prior to the start of work.

Mayor Wise

Street light outage was reported at the area of Grundy and Parker Sts.; the Clerk will report to ComEd.

Made recommendation that Mike Pasternak be appointed as the Village Electrical Inspection; Council agreed (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, with unanimous roll vote.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner