The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 24, 2007 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Comms. Cox, Serena, Gerrish and Mayor Wise (Comm. Hileman was absent). (*Also in attendance: Barb Bexson/Clerk, John Bates/Attorney, Guy Christensen/Engineer, Tom Jacob/TIF Attorney)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 10 27, 2007 meeting were tabled.

Accepted were:

Listing of Bills motion Serena/second Gerrish
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Prior to acceptance of these bills, Comm. Cox questioned payment to Moyemont Plumbing & Heating relative to this company paying prevailing wage. comm. gerrish feels this would be a wage issue on their part.

AGENDA

Beautification Committee:

Reported the clean-up weekends were a success and many volunteers assisted

Told Tholen's Landscaping recently analyzed trees in the parks and noted problems (gave handout to council). Requests to put mulch around thirty-three (33) trees and has an estimate from Menards, however, Tholen's will deliver in bulk. Council agreed to purchase from Tholen's with costs coming from the General Fund (parks account) (motion Cox/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, pass 1 (Serena). Atty. Bates pointed out this needs to be placed on the next agenda to ratify acceptance.

Told the committee is looking to develop the downtown parking lot area and are considering a gazebo; showed a draft plan and pictures from another village.

Told it would be about $1100 to plant a Christmas tree in the downtown area and monies have been raised through donations; asked now for permission to do this. A tree lighting ceremony would be scheduled for November 25 at 6:00 p.m. with various groups assisting with the ceremony and refreshments. Council agreed (motion Cox/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, pass 1 (Serena).

Informed the committee is arranging a Halloween party and will schedule after the Village trick or treat hours. Council agreed these hours will remain at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

As properly noticed, at 7:25 p.m., council members entered into executive session related to probable or imminent litigation, allowed pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act (motion Serena, second Cox; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0). At 9:15 p.m. regular session was reconvened (motion Serena/second Cox; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Comm. Serena

On the street maintenance project, reported that the asphalt is done but there is clean-up yet to be finished. Patches were added on East St. near Odell St. and on Wilmington St.

Comm. Gerrish

Updated on the water tower project that it has been sandblasted, primer applied and work done on the inside.
It now needs to be painted and the lettering applied. Council agreed to the additional pricing of $2,468 for the lettering (Gardner and established date on two (2) sides, stripes in between and two colors) (motion Gerrish/second Cox; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Mayor Wise

Told he spoke with the homeowner at 202 W. Wilmington St. concerning the problems with her dogs.

Told he is pleased with the results of David Zazworsky's Eagle Scout project at the scout cabin.

Showed pictures of the new ComEd transformers to be installed and told this should be completed in November.

Resident Tom Perkins (511 N Elm St.) told he would like the alley behind his home opened up

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. was made by Comm. Cox, seconded by Comm. Serena, with unanimous roll vote of those present

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner