The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 27, 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)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting were tabled.

Accepted were:

Listing of Bills motion Serena/second Gerrish
(except Thrush Sanitation to look into) roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
to look into damage reimbursement from
Village insurance carrier/Gardner Days)

AGENDA

Discussion concerning codification of ordinances was tabled for more information and additional quotes.

Beautification Committee:

All food and supplies have been donated for the Halloween party

Trees are to be planted as soon as weather permits; told that next year, mulching should be done at the trees at the scout cabin

On brush pick-up, feels should look into a chipper so that residents have a way to dispose.

On a Gardner Days event, looking at the weekend of May 3, one (1) day only, noting this is the same weekend as the GSW prom. Council agreed to go forward with this (motion Gerrish/second Cox; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Reported that the committee can utilize two (2) old signs, one at Gorman and Gardner Roads and the other near O'Hare Trucking on Main St.

Told that the committee chairperson is gone for the winter and asked if another can be appointed during this period. Atty. Bates stated it should be noted that if more members are appointed, the required quorum also increases.

Executive session was cancelled.

Attorney Bates

Reported on a recent amendment to The Open Meetings Act; presented members with information.

Comm. Gerrish

Reported that all major work is completed on the watermain replacement project; all that remains to be done is restoration. Told that because of problems with shut-off valves, three (3) residents had very rusty water and needed to run water for lengthy periods to clear this up; he has agreed to give credit for this excessive usage to these residents.

On the water tower project, told the tower is back in operation but the site is not cleaned up as yet. Brought up problems with paint overspray to three (3) vehicles. Eng. Guy Christensen assured that final payment will not be made until this is resolved.

Gary Cox

Told there is a safety concern with some of the swings in the parks and will look into this.

Told two (2) yards with very high grass have been mowed (one on East St. and one on Pine St.).

Brought up discussion on abandoned vehicles and noted that no one has called with concerns. Mayor Wise explained that in the past, council members had driven around the Village making note of these. Conversation followed on vehicles needing to be moved and licensed.

Comm. Cox (continued)

Told he is concerned about safety in the area ComEd is working on the transformers; Guy suggested that Jeff Hettrick of ComEd be called to get more information. Comm. Serena suggested that Zoning Officer Dean Rankovich contact him also to review the plans and discuss.

Engineer Guy Christensen

Reviewed Pay Estimate #2 for the watermain replacement project, making note of additional work that needed to be done and told that the Washington St. portion of the project has been cancelled at this time. He then recommended Pay Estimate #2 along with additional invoices from Stott Contracting be approved and council agreed (motion Gerrish/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Mayor Wise

Recognized Barb Phillips for the work she is doing on the Beautification Committee and presented her with a key to the Village.

Reminded that November 12 is Veteran's Day and that the Village Board Meeting is cancelled.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Comm. Gerrish, seconded by Comm. Cox, with unanimous roll vote of those present

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner