The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008 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.

Accepted were:

Minutes of March 10, 2008	motion Hileman/second Cox roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Current Listing of Bills	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Grundy County Animal Control Annual Contract	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Resolution Amending R99-277 Defining A Responsible Bidder (R08-001) (noted changes shown in bold print)	motion Serena/second Hileman roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Prior to acceptance of bill payment, Comm. Cox questioned the payment of the large shipping charge on the invoice from AquaSmart and the possibility of purchasing this product locally. Comm. Hileman explained that on this type product (phosphate), shipped in drums, higher shipping charges are applied and that it is not ordered often ; it was also reported that this product is not available locally. Comm. Cox inquired also what the Chamlin invoice covered for the Ida Lane lift station generator; Guy Christensen summarized work completed under this invoice charges and Comm. Hileman added that he believed $25,000 was budgeted for this job.

Agenda

The Clerk told that the annual Motor Fuel Tax audit was performed by the Department of Transportation in January and the report has now been received showing all Village records to be in order and agreement with those of the State. This report will now be filed as a permanent record with the Village.

Resident Gerry VonQualen spoke with the Council concerning the home he owns at 207 N Monroe St. and as he understood he is to receive a letter on abandoned/condemned property is present to discuss. He first asked why someone from the Village had not talked directly to him on this rather than spend monies to send a letter. Comm. Hileman told that the Board felt it should address old/abandoned/vacant buildings and that he had motioned to send these letters (specifically to 207 N Monroe, 207 N Railroad, 211 S Railroad, 202 N Wilmington, grain elevator on Depot); he later learned that Gerry had taken out a demolition permit and spoke with the Attorney to have him also state in the letter that we are aware of the existing demolition permit and wish to hear his intentions. Gerry then explained of health conditions that prevented him from completing this project as planned but with recent changes and offers of assistance, intends to complete this soon. As letters have not yet been sent and this is now explained, Comm. Cox motioned that this property be taken off the list, seconded by Comm. Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0.

Attorney Belt

Brought up his March 10 memo on the Grundy County/Gardner Main St. maintenance agreement. Explained this was presented as a package and that the Gorman Road agreement recently approved was an IDOT approved jurisdictional transfer agreement which was forwarded to Grundy County for execution and then to be forwarded to IDOT for their approval. Main Street, however, was only related to the maintenance issue. It was suggested the Clerk look to the minutes, both before and after the March 27, 1972 meeting, for any other reference. Responding to Comm. Serena, Comm. Hileman stated if this roadway was not properly maintained, the Village would need to address it with the County at that time and that he felt if accepted, this would be very costly to the Village for maintenance. Council agreed as this was not properly executed in 1972, a letter should be sent to Grundy County stating the Village does not accept this agreement (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Re. beer gardens, looked into local and State liquor codes and finds nothing that prohibits this

and does not specify within the structure itself. In terms of loud music or noise, nothing was found on this also but feels there may be State Statutes that could apply. Comm. Hileman told the tavern owner plans this type event only on rare occasions; he will speak more with her on this.

On "P" Tickets, told there are no regulations on maximum fines; proposed the Council may want to look at this ordinance, saying also this had been amended only to exclude traffic violations.

Comm. Hileman

Reminded that NIMEC bid for electric service is on Wednesday. Information now indicates we will probably not receive the reduced rates as in the past; rates are 15% higher than last year. Final info will be received Wednesday via conference call and contracts will be signed and immediately faxed if there is benefit to the Village.

Received update on the 134 Depot Street building wall deterioration (Track Liquor); understands someone is hired to repair walls.

Comm. Serena

Told list of streets needing repair is prepared showing those both in and outside the TIF District and those most needing repair. Commented he would need to learn of any watermain repairs to be done prior to street repair plans. Comm. Hileman told that enough Water Fund monies are not available to do repairs at this time, noting TIF Funds cannot be used as TIF area watermain replacements have been completed. Guy Christensen reported conversations with asphalt contractors who told costs are $10 to $15/ton more than last year and that he has all the info needed to place this for bidding once Comm. Serena provides him with the final list. Comm. Hileman reminded about work to be done on S Jackson St after Comm. Serena remarked about looking to MFT funds for other street work. Discussion/acceptance to be placed on next meeting's agenda.

Has received phone calls on ground settling problems from last year's watermain project; told he has spoken with the contractor who will return for this work soon, weather permitting. Reminded of the warranty on completion of the job, including restoration, which extends through the fall season.

Comm. Cox

Provided and discussed quotes for garbage can lids and cigarette banks; told this company also has can liners but just learned these were ordered (but order not yet placed) from Huston Hardware. Talked over costs and durability of steel vs. plastic liners and agreed plastic is preferred. Since Council agreed support of local businesses is important, Comm. Cox will speak with Huston's. Also agreed to purchase the lids as quoted and to ratify this action at next meeting.

Believes action needs to be taken on cigarette containers; Comm. Hileman feels individual businesses need to handle this. Conversation on problems created with the new Smoke Free Illinois Act, how it is handled in other towns and what Gardner can do. Mayor Wise has spoken with the taverns to place outdoor receptacles and will speak also with the other businesses. Comm. Hileman feels if the Village takes on responsibility for this ongoing maintenance, additional persons will need to be hired.

Requested Clerk provide additional appropriate no smoking signage for placement at all Village buildings.

Gave copies of EPA information concerning open burning along with a sample ordinance and asked all to look over for discussion at next meeting.

Told he had looked over May's attorney billing, specifically noted tree damage reimbursement from Patrick Engineering and, after legal charges, much less than the $300 received was realized. Asked about charges when Atty. Bates attends meetings and converses with Atty. Belt. Atty. Belt stated this is rare but does happen on occasion; Comm. Hileman stated this may have happened ten times over in the last ten years.

Mayor Wise

Told resident has requested Grundy St., between Dwight and Odell Sts, be closed on the day of Gardner Grade School graduation as three (3) parties are to be held there. To be on the next meeting agenda. Comm. Cox asked that a request for street closings for the May 3 and 4 festival be also on the agenda.

Told of Lions Club request for use of the Village Hall parking lot for July 7 for a hearing check station.

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. Cox, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner