The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2008 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,)* All then stood for reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes of March 24, 2008	motion Gerrish/ second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Minutes (previously tabled) May 14 & 23, June 11 & 25 July 9, 12 & 30	motion Serena/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Minutes (previously tabled) July 23, August 13	motion Serena/second Cox roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, pass 1 (Gerrish)
Current Listing of Bills	motion Serena/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Closing of Grundy St. between Odell St. and Dwight St. from 12:00 p.m. on May 16 to 12:00 p.m. on May 18 (GGS graduation block party)	motion Serena/second Cox roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Closing of portion of Center, Mazon, Division and Spencer Sts. for May 3 & 4 festival	motion Cox/second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Ratify – purchase of 7 trash can lids (total price of $983.79)	motion Serena/second Cox roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Agenda

Concerning the above noted street closings, the Clerk was directed to make this information known to both the Grundy County Sheriff's Department and the Gardner Fire Department.

Resident Melvin Mack addressed the Council concerning his upcoming purchase of the Marks Bros. Bar and Grill property at 116 Depot St. and questioned his ability to transfer this liquor license. Atty. Bates told that as Marks Bros. Bar & Grill would not renew this annual license by May 1, this would be considered a new liquor license. Because it was learned this would be a lease for one (1) year prior to purchase and Mr. Mack is currently remodeling this location with an undetermined opening date, this was tabled to next meeting for discussion/decision. Mr. Mack was also informed that an application would need completion and is to be submitted along with the appropriate bond and annual liquor license fee of $500.00.

Comm. Gerrish asked that discussion/acceptance of the resolution for the proposed watermain crossing at Rt. 53 and Washington Street be also tabled until the next meeting as Engineer Guy Christensen is not present and he would like to further talk with Guy on this.

Attorney Bates

As the contract with Grundy County Animal Control was recently accepted, recommends that the Village adopt the same ordinance for services as passed by Grundy County so that ordinance reference and enforcement would be identical. Will provide the Council with a draft ordinance prior to the next meeting for discussion and possible acceptance.

Comm. Gerrish

Reminded of prior conversation on the sewer problem and the need for repair of this line at FJ Metals on Rt. 53. Told that a company hired by FJ Metals had made a video tape of this problem but, this tape has not yet been located. Told also he has spoken with the property owners and there are differing opinions on whose responsibility it is to make and pay for

these repairs. Comm. Gerrish told that he feels, regardless of whose fault this is, repairs need to be made and a possible solution would be to split the cost of this project. At this time, further attempts will be made to locate this video tape.

Comm. Serena

Provided Council Members with street maintenance list, with an estimated cost of $246,465.00 and reported as all streets shown are located within the TIF District, those funds can be used for this project. Told also there may be an addition of $4,000 to $6,000 to this project for catch basin installation in the area of Jackson and Main Streets. In view of anticipated cost increases, it was agreed that Guy Christensen should immediately place this for bid (motion Serena/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Comm. Cox

Opened discussion on the draft burning ordinance information provided to the Council at the previous meeting, pointing out that this is more specific that current Village ordinance and citing some problems with burning that are occurring. Atty. Bates reported he had read over this information and first feels that this draft ordinance is geared toward Indiana law; he reminded that as we are a non-home rule municipality, there is a maximum fine allowable in the State Statutes and further summarized the process in the State of Illinois.

After asking status on possible leak repairs to the Village Hall roof, Mayor Wise told he will check with Comm. Hileman who was handling this.

Mayor Wise

Concerning property cleanup issues, reported he has spoken with Shawn Schultz, owner of the mobile home at 207 N. Railroad St; Mr. Schultz told he is currently making repairs in preparation for this property to be rented.

Resident Tom Perkins (Elm St.) was present to speak for Gibs Neilsen, an owner of the Depot St. elevator regarding a letter he recently received from the Village. Mr. Neilsen would like to know what the Village wants from him for this elevator to be in compliance. Atty. Bates provided a photo of the elevator, noting one safety concern is with an antenna falling from the structure. After Mayor Wise asked if Mr. Neilsen intended to raze the elevator, Tom said that although he has not talked with Mr. Neilsen about this, he would like to see this stay and be fixed up as it would be an asset with Village Rt. 66 involvement. Council agreed that it would be beneficial for Mr. Neilsen to attend a Council Meeting to learn of his plans; Tom Perkins will speak with him on this.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m. by Comm. Serena, seconded by Comm. Cox, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner