The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2008 in the Village Hall Council Chambers with all members present: Comms. Cox, Serena, Hileman, Gerrish, and Mayor Wise. (*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 April 14, 2008	motion Serena/ second Cox	roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Hileman)
Financial Report Month of March 2008	motion Hileman/second Gerrish	roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Current Listing of Bills	motion Hileman/second Serena	roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Payment of additional truck parts invoices from Rub Ford totaling $27.30	motion Hileman/second Serena	roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Wise)
Ordinance Adopting by Reference Grundy County Animal Control Ord.	motion Hileman/second Serena for Village	roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

2008 Street Maintenance Project Informed bid opening was this date with two (2) contractors submitting bids. Council agreed to accept the low bid of $226,475.13 from 'D' Construction (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). Comm. Serena added that this bid is below the engineer's estimated cost of $246,465.00.

We Care of Grundy County donation Comm. Hileman explained that Federal fund cuts have been made which seriously affect this organization, noting a number municipalities, townships and the county itself have made assistance donations. Council agreed to a $1,000.00 donation (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Resident Melvin Mack was present to request approval for a new Class A liquor license for Big Fella's Eatery, 116 Depot Street (formerly Marks Bros. Grill). Council reviewed his application, bond and annual license fee and approved this request (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Concerning the resolution for proposed watermain crossing (Rt. 53 at Washington St.), Guy Christensen explained that this work, which is still under contract with Stott Contracting, will supply a larger water line in this area for future growth and that this resolution is required by the State of Illinois as this project will cross a State highway. He told also that the State requires a bond from the Village for coverage in the event of any problems. The Council accepted this resolution (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Attorney Belt

Updated that the Gorman Road Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement, previously approved by this Council, has been signed by the Grundy County Board and forwarded to IDOT.

Updated that on the Main Street agreement, no other information has been found other than that found in the 1972 board minutes and that no records indicate it was approved by IDOT. Council agreed that Atty. Belt should prepare a letter to the Grundy County Board concerning this and their responsibility for snow plowing and maintenance of Main Street in this area (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Updated on notice of complaint letters sent to landowners; told a court date of May 15 is set. Comm. Hileman asked if this included the grain elevator property and the home on S. Railroad Street (Coleman); Atty. Belt did not have specific information on these but will further check. Mr. & Mrs. Amin Jinnah (Track Liquor, 134 Depot St.) were present to speak on the May 15 court date letter they received and explained repairs and improvements currently underway and their hopes to complete by the end of September. They requested the Council allow them more time to finish this job Short discussion followed on their building permit and concerns with bricks falling from the exterior of the building. Mayor Wise told he will have the Building Inspector (Dean Rankovich) meet with them again. Council agreed that Atty. Belt is to obtain a 30-day continuance, thus, their court appearance on May 15 is not required.

Comm. Hileman

Concerning whether Village inspectors are contractors or employees as to workers' compensation issues, reported he spoke with the Village liability insurance carrier who told that as long as W2's are submitted by the Village for these positions, those persons are covered under workers' compensation insurance. Council agreed this should be done in the future (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Responded to Comm. Cox's question on the status of codification that the first draft is expected around the middle of May.

Comm. Hileman (continued)

Comm. Cox asked if the Village had looked into purchasing street salt from the State, informing that the price is at about $40/ton and that this would need to be done quickly to participate in the program. Comm. Hileman told that this had been checked into in the past but that the Village did not purchase a large enough quantity.

Comm. Cox told he had spoken with someone from the Village of Dwight regarding the purchase of phosphorous and was told there was a problem with this chemical if it were to sit unused too long. Comm. Cox will get the name of this person to Comm. Hileman so he can speak with him.

Comm. Gerrish

Responding to Comm. Cox on the sewer problem at FJ Metals, told that he feels this problem is not the fault of the Village and explained that it appears the problem began when a cap from the clean out in their parking lot was broken and fell into the line, causing blockage. Told again he would like to review the tape made by the contractor but this has not been located.

Comm. Serena

Brought up a letter from GSW High School which requested a donation to the prom lock-in event. Both Mayor Wise and the Clerk reported they had not seen this letter.

Initiated conversation concerning the storage of road salt and his feeling that some type structure is needed. Conversation followed on various ways to store this salt, people to do this work, the use of TIF monies for funding and the need for fill and concrete. Comm. Serena agreed to investigate various options and report back to the Council.

Comm. Cox

Brought up prior conversations on the Village's burning ordinance and the information he had provided to Council Members. Comm. Hileman stated he feels the Village's current ordinance is good while Comm. Cox feels the one provided would be more detailed. Short discussion on codification draft information to be soon received and that changes can be made at that time.

Brought up discussion pertaining to the Village 'P' ticket ordinance and ordinance violation citations issued by Grundy County Sheriff's Department. Atty. Belt briefly explained citing, enforcing and writing these 'P' tickets and the procedure for ordinance violations. Comm. Hileman reminded that under our contract with the Sheriff's Department, the Village receives no fine monies. Comm. Cox voiced concern with the costs incurred with ordinance violation cases versus fines assessed by the courts.

Reported that a representative from IML Risk Management looked over Village parks and equipment and pointed out problems with some equipment such as slides and swings. There will be further discussion on this upon receipt of their report.

Told that set-up for this weekend's festival will begin on Wednesday.

Told that as he pledged during his campaign for Village Commissioner last year, he will donate his annual check to the Beautification Committee for use on gazebo expenses.

Mayor Wise

Reported two street light outages on Liberty Street, one near Rub Ford and one near the apartment building; The Clerk will report these Village owned outages for repair.

Reported liquor license renewals have been made by Gardner American Legion, By-Pass Investments,

Vino's Bar & Grill, Casey's, Curley's, Track Liquor and now Big Fella's. Those not renewing are Gardner Pharmacy and Marks Bros. Bar and Grill.

Stated to Randy Wilkey in the audience that he has nothing to do with the Village of Gardner and works for the Fire District and asked him if this is correct; Mr. Wilkey responded yes and that he is fire chief.

Comm. Cox responded that he did put fuel into his personal vehicle from the Village tank, in response to resident Mike Pokornicky's question. Mr. Pokornicky further commented on what he feels is the proper procedure for this, i.e., purchasing fuel, obtaining a receipt and presenting to the Village with mileage for reimbursement.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner