The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 23, 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 present stood for The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes of June 9, 2008	motion Hileman/second Cox roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Minutes (previously tabled) (August 27, September 10 & 24, October 22, November 26 and December 10, 2007)	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Cox)
Current listing of bills	motion Hileman/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Additional bill payment to INR Beatty Lumber ($77.24)	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

Fax machine: Comm. Hileman told that the fax machine is in need of repairs and the price to replace with a like machine is about $900. He told of an add-on that could be placed on the current copier, increasing the lease to $195.00/month (currently $145.00/month) for the remainder of the lease (2 years) which would allow faxing, scanning, e-mailing and printing from the computers. A second option would be to add this but to create a new 4-year lease at a slightly lower cost. Council members agreed to his recommendation for the option at $195.00/month for the remaining 2 lease years (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Telephone system: Comm. Hileman reminded this has been talked about in the past and that problems continue to occur. He briefly explained the new telephones to be purchased and installed (with increased capabilities) along with a decrease in the number of lines and a change in the service provider to save the Village $150 to $180 per month. Council agreed to the equipment quote from Commercial Electronic Systems in the amount of $4,218.00 (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Mr. Mike Vigna (Vigna Real Estate) addressed the council concerning the 116 N Elm St. property which is partially within the flood plain area. He was told any petition for removal from the flood plain would need to be made by the property owner, not the Village and agreed to provide him with FEMA contact information should he chose to pursue this.

Attorney Belt

As follow-up on the Gorman Road agreement, reported IDOT has requested three (3) duplicate original ordinances which the Village agreed to provide.

On the Main Street Maintenance Agreement, reported that a response was received (and provided to the council) asking if the Village is interested in jurisdiction of this street. It was explained that authority on curb stops, i.e., adding a new driveway, does not mean having curb and gutters and that it is believed the Village can, at times, still plow snow even with the County jurisdiction. He suggested that at some point someone from the Village may want to attend a Grundy County Highway Committee meeting to talk this over. With the council's opinion that the Village's prior position to not accept this stands, Atty. Belt is to again communicate this to the Grundy County Board.

Concerning codification, reported that the second draft will incorporate the Building Code and noted that the Subdivision Code also has not been included; he inserted his feeling that this Code is well-written and should be included. Explained that the purpose of this is to codify our ordinances into one book and briefly explained the process; he added that the Village has the opportunity to make adjustments on existing codes and now would be the time to do this. It was agreed that he should speak further with American Legal Publishing to have these included, make corrections to other items needing to be addressed and to request an extension.

Updated that he is still working on the mobile home regulations (separate zoning classification) and that the Village vehicle and equipment policy should be prepared for the next meeting.

Comm. Hileman

Reported that the price of salt for the water plant will increase an additional $4.00 per ton.

Told that he has looked over a printout of receipts and expenses for the recent festival which at this time reports a loss of about $475. He qualified this by stating that all monies and records may not yet be reported and a final accounting is yet to be done.

Comm. Hileman (continued)

Informed that he had agreed for Ida Schopp (115 N Elm St.) to have the portion of the alley at her property area blacktopped (at her own cost) in conjunction with the current street maintenance project; this needed to be done this date while they are working in that area. Mrs. Schopp told that another property owner along that same alley also had a portion done and suggested the Village may want to con`sider doing the remaining portion (behind the property at 108 E Jefferson St.); Comm. Serena responded that the Village would not be doing alley blacktopping at this time.

Comm. Gerrish

Reported that he has spoken with the maintenance employees and hydrant flushing throughout the Village will be performed shortly.

Also, weather permitting, he intends to have the concrete pad for the generator poured tomorrow evening. Related to this, and responding to Comm. Cox request for generator information (elevation, fencing, ComEd costs), Guy Christensen told he felt this had been provided but would look into it.

Comm. Serena

Gave an account of information he learned on the activation of the warning sirens, brought up at last meeting after severe weather and tornado warnings were reported in the area. He told that the siren operates from the 911 dispatch center, there are about five (5) spotters in this general area and that the siren was not activated during that storm as it appeared it was going in a direction away from Gardner. Comm. Serena told it is good to know there are people on alert for these conditions and that residents should be aware that The Weather Channel reports very accurate information.

Requested that discussion on and creation of a streets and alleys committee be tabled at this time.

On the Jefferson St. sidewalk problem, told that the section is approximately 240' and feels, because of its very poor condition, should be removed by the Village. After he spoke with residents there, he feels they are more concerned with the removal and that any replacement would be discussed at a later time.

Eng. Guy Christensen

Reported that the railroad ditch spraying was done for the first time last week and will be done again.

Told the 'D' Construction street maintenance project is underway and should be completed soon.

As properly noticed, at 8:07 p.m. council members entered into executive session concerning probable or imminent litigation [5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)] relative to Attorney Frank Cortina's letter on the Village's withholding of a portion of TIF funds (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0. It is noted Comm. Cox qualified that his affirmative vote was made under protest due to the Clerk not being allowed to attend. At 8:59 p.m. regular session was reconvened (motion Serena/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Mayor Wise

Called everyone's attention to the Lions Club mobile hearing services unit which will be in the Village Hall parking lot on Friday, July 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to offer free hearing checks.

Brought up that he spoke with the Lions Club about using the Village property near the sewage treatment plant for a circus event. Council discussed this as the property is currently being leased by Gardner Grade School and a portion of that farmed, also under lease. Atty. Belt suggested the need

to look into the lease agreement to review the purpose of the lease.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:07 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner