The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 28, 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 present stood for The Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes of July 14, 2008 motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Current listing of bills motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Comm. Cox inquired about the billing from Mug-a-Bug and was told that this was the chemical used in the machine to fog for mosquitoes. Because this company also does the spraying of the railroad ditch, Guy Christensen will also check into his concern with the cattails still growing in the ditch.

## Agenda

The Village's annual appropriation was introduced by Comm. Hileman; increases and decreases in appropriated amounts from the previous year were pointed out and discussed. Atty. Belt further explained the appropriation ordinance, which is in place in the Village of Gardner rather than the budget and pointed out that this is the statutory limit on what can be spent. Ordinance VG08-006, the Village's Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2009 was accepted [motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 1 (Cox), absent 1 (Gerrish)].

### Attorney Belt

Presented the vehicle and equipment policy he was directed by the council to prepare and told that the council needs to determine if this should be passed. After brief conversation this ordinance (VG08-007) was accepted [motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 1 (Cox), absent 1 (Gerrish)].

Codification:

> Told he spoke with Ruth Fazio of American Legal Publishing and is comfortable the process is moving forward. Told it was acknowledged that there were some oversights; while the second draft, including the building code has been received, we are awaiting the third draft which will add also the subdivision code and the 1998 ordinance adopting the telecommunication maintenance fee. He related that still other items need to be addressed, one being the mobile home regulations, creating an R-4 zoning category and, on this, asked the council to look over the information and contact him with any questions or comments.
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> He again explained the basic process of codification, to put existing ordinances in format. In terms of constitutionality, some yet need to be looked at. Stressed that it would be the council's decision if they wish to engage in a more pro-active approach to update portions of the current code. Concerning the current zoning and subdivision codes, he feels these appear to be in good order. On the building code, he feels there are elements that need to be reviewed, specifically noting confusion over what code versions/editions have been adopted. Short conversation followed on the need for public hearings and the involvement of the Planning & Zoning Board.
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> Pertaining to the mobile home ordinance, Atty. Belt told that the Village's current ordinance completely excludes mobile homes and those that currently exist cannot be replaced; this too needs to be amended. Discussion followed on the different types, i.e., mobile homes vs. manufactured homes, modular homes, etc.

### Comm. Hileman

Told that last week he attended a GGS board meeting and was again asked about the closing of Center Street at the grade school for a time prior to the start of school. After short discussion, comment was made that because this is private property at this area, the decision to close at the school property line would be for them to make.

Told of concerns brought to his attention on the height of grass and lack of mowing at the vacant house at 111 N Elm St. Atty. Belt told that owner information as to the person(s) paying the property tax bill can be obtained from the assessor's office; he also reminded that Village ordinances need to

be followed concerning notification.

Comm. Serena

Informed of a call received from a S. Jackson St. resident requesting sign placement to alert motorists of children in that area. Atty. Belt brought up requirements and ordinance passage needed for enforcement for those such as speed limit signs; however, as this is informational for an alert, the Village can post this type signage.

Updated that as yet, nothing has been done with the sidewalk on Railroad St.; told this needs to be removed as soon as possible by Village maintenance employees.



Comm. Cox

On the Jackson So. Subdivision, questioned who maintains the detention pond; was told by Att. Belt that these commonly remain under the control of the homeowners association. Conversation also followed on maintenance and payment for the street lighting in this subdivision

As he was unable to obtain an invoice for this meeting from Northfield Block for stone for the gazebo, requested that this be paid when received and payment ratified at the next meeting; council agreed.

Told that the slides have been removed from the parks and wanted to make certain that these are cut up for scrap to prevent their use elsewhere.

Noted that the street maintenance project is complete, however, some of the restoration work done was torn up over the past weekend; was told this would be looked at and rectified.

Mayor Wise

From last meeting, again brought up his request to purchase additional “keys to the village” which he presents to persons as thank you and welcome gifts. After the council talked over the quantity and cost, the Mayor agreed to get more information.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:56 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all in agreement.

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**Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk**
**Village of Gardner**