The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2008 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Members present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. (*Also present: Scott Belt/Attorney, Guy Christensen/Engineer)*. All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes of September 22, 2008 — motion Serena/second Gerrish
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Hileman)

Financial Report
Month of September 2008 — motion Hileman/second Gerrish
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Ratify Bill Payments of
September 28 & October 3 — motion Serena/second Cox
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Payment of Current Bills — motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Correspondence

Letter was read from the GSW High School SADA Club thanking the Village for allowing their September 13 Tag Day.

Agenda

Resident Ida Schopp addressed the council to request permission to place a scrapbook prepared by the Senior Citizen's Organization in the display case in Village Hall. Council granted this request with stipulation that this scrapbook remains as property of this organization (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). She also requested permission, and the council agreed, that the certificate for the new gazebo, to be dedicated to the people of Gardner also be placed in this display case (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). Both of these items are to be presented at a later date.

Attorney Belt

Concerning codification, reported that the third (3rd) amended version has been received and that he continues to review this information.

Comm. Hileman

Reported he met with the Clerk and Treasurer to review the financial information both for the 2008 festival and the Beautification Committee. For the festival, he told that the final figures show that a $140.21 profit was realized; a check from the Village to the Committee will be generated for this profit amount. On the Beautification Committee account, as there has been some confusion with allocation of monies received, he spoke with Pat Malinowski who handles the financials for this Committee, to explain how the monies provided to the Village for deposit are to be detailed.

Told he has placed a purchase requisition with the State of Illinois for five (5) loads of rock salt at a cost of $54.54/ton plus a $20.00/ton delivery charge (total cost = $74.54/ton).

Told that ComEd has notified the Village of a 10% electric service rate increase, effective November 1.

Informed he has spoken with GSW High School Supt. Rich Decman concerning their interest in purchasing the Allison Trust Property, remarking that this parcel is located within the Industrial TIF District. As the school would not want to purchase this property if the Village would not rezone, Supt. Decman asked for feedback; Comm. Hileman then requested input from the council members, stating first that he was not in favor of this location for a new school or of rezoning of this parcel. Comm. Gerrish told he is also not in favor of this parcel as this location has been planned out for the future; Comm. Serena added concerns because of increased bus and truck traffic.

Brought up prior discussion by Tom Perkins and the Beautification Committee and the idea to possibly use the office part of the Neilsen Grain elevator property for a Rt.66 visitors' center. Told he went over figures of some expenses for the past few years and increases being experienced. He then gave some examples of those increases (IML Risk Management, Morton Salt, Nicor, ComEd. telephones),

noting that in over eight (8) years, Village taxes have not been raised, there has been only two (2) water rate increases and some fees have been totally eliminated. He explained further that the Village does have monies, however, much of that can only be used for specific purposes (such as Motor Fuel Tax, IMRF, TIF) and responding to Comm. Cox's question, told that he brings up this information because there would be additional expenses incurred with projects such as the operation of a visitors' center.

Also from previous conversation, reported he spoke with the maintenance department and the air packs are checked and recorded properly.

Comm. Gerrish

Regarding the amendment to the water/sewer ordinance. told that the only change made from the previous draft was the addition that failure to receive the red tag notice will not invalidate the notice or delay shut off of service. He reminded that this tag will be placed on doors five (5) days prior to the actual termination of service. Short discussion followed on the amendment section relating to tap-on fees with Comm. Gerrish stating that, for multi-family units, these fees are not per unit but a set fee, dependent upon the number of units in the building. After Atty. Belt commented that this ordinance is similar to that in some other towns, the council approved this amendment (motion Gerrish/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Relayed an ongoing problem with water quality on Cedar St., near Washington St. Told that residents there are experiencing very rusty water and that the hydrant has been flushed on a regular basis (every 1 to 2 weeks) but the problem returns soon after. Guy Christensen pointed out that this is a dead end line and possibly, because of the closing of the Indicator Lites facility, water sits in this line longer than before. He explained the intent to replace this line and eliminate the dead end by tying into existing 10" lines. Comm. Gerrish told he would like this project bid and completed as quickly as possible. Guy will prepare the bid for publication, provide information to the Clerk, schedule bid opening in approximately two (2) weeks and the project should be able to be awarded at the November 24 meeting.

Comm. Serena

After further research into the costs for a salt storage facility, told that the estimated cost of $70,000 to $75,000 is significantly more than expected. He and Guy will continue to look into other options for salt storage. Comm. Serena then stated that, at this time, no action will be taken.

Comm. Cox

Announced that November 29 has been set for both the dedication of the new gazebo and for the second annual tree lighting ceremony. Told that the Halloween party is set for Friday, October 31, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the fire house.

Asked Comm. Gerrish if the old water line in the area of the new gazebo has been located; Comm. Gerrish responded that Steve Baker has been unable to locate this line which may be under the asphalt parking lot or may have been removed. Conversation followed on possible locations for this old line, along with existing lines in this area to bring service to the gazebo. Also concerning the gazebo area, Comm. Cox described a split-rail fence that is to be constructed between the ComEd and Village properties. He will contact J.U.L.I.E. for appropriate utility locates but understands ComEd may not locate this area as the poles are Village-owned, voicing that serious problems could occur if any lines are hit/damaged during the digging. Council members talked about the Village making this locate, our locator equipment and its capabilities.

Mayor Wise

Suggested, and the council agreed, that the Village trick or treat be set for Friday, October 31, from 4 to 6 pm (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

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

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner