The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2008 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Members present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. (*Also present: John Bates/Attorney).* All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes of October 27, 2008 — motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

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

Concerning the listing of bills presented for payment, Comm. Cox explained that he has received an amended invoice from Trotter Landscape; the invoice amount of $15,531.50 has been reduced to $14,911.50. This check will be voided and reissued. Payment of all bills, as amended, was accepted (motion Cox/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Unfinished Business

Requesting clarification, Comm. Cox told he received information from Mayor Wise regarding an abandoned vehicle at 310 N. Pine St. (D. Kelly); his feeling was that this was previously addressed. The Mayor said there is now a vehicle on blocks in the driveway. Comm. Hileman explained, after verification a letter should be sent on this abandoned vehicle and if not removed, the Sheriff's Dept. should become involved. Mayor Wise then said he would look into this. Comm. Cox said he was also given information on a shed in disrepair and piles of tires and other items at 408 E. Washington St. (G. Chambers); it was stated that a letter concerning these nuisances should be sent to request clean up.

Attorney Bates

Updated that review of codification information is ongoing.

On the nuisance complaint for 111 S. Railroad St. (J. Coleman), requested research for the property owner's address in Odell as service by the Sheriff's Department cannot be made at the address provided (post office box).

On the ordinance violation complaint at 207 N. Railroad St. (S. Schultz), reported receipt of photos from the owner's attorney which showed work being done. As the work performed addresses the Village's complaint, Comm. Cox suggested action be stopped; council agreed.

Comm. Hileman

Told that a few months ago council members were reminded that the annual tax levy must be passed in December and that all should review and contact him with any changes they feel should be considered, noting his intent to not raise the Village tax rate. This ordinance, along with the tax abatement ordinance for the Series 1997 GO bonds will be on December's meeting agenda. Regarding the tax levy, Comm. Cox questioned how increased costs can be covered without an increase. Comm. Hileman responded he is looking to higher CD interest rates and cost cutting measures; however, he pointed out that if costs continue to rise, an increase may be needed. He added that he met this date with Standard Bank, was not pleased with the 1.6% CD rate given and will look to other banks for better rates.

Reported a resident spoke to him of his concern with a camping trailer at Main and Railroad Sts. where it appears people are residing; this will be looked into.

Comm. Gerrish

On the watermain replacement project on Cedar at Washington St., told the project has been published with a bid opening scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18.

Comm. Cox

Announced once again that on Saturday, November 29, the gazebo dedication will be held at 4:00 p.m., followed at 5:00 with the annual Christmas tree lighting.

Mayor Wise

Provided information to Comm. Cox on the May 2009 Rt. 66 Red Carpet Corridor event and asked if

the Beautification Committee intends to again be involved; Comm. Cox confirmed that this is being discussed.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner