The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2008 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Members present: Mike Serena, Bill Gerrish (absent: Gary Cox, Dick Hileman). (*Also present: Guy Christensen, Engineer).* All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes of November 10, 2008 motion Gerrish/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0

Current Listing of Bills motion Gerrish/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0

Comm. Gerrish

Along with Village Engineer Guy Christensen, explained the scope of work for the 2008 Washington Street Watermain Extension North project which is intended to correct rusty water in that area with the elimination of a dead end line and an increase in the main size. Explained first that the bid opening was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18; sixteen contractors had taken bid documents, fifteen (15) were returned and fourteen (14) were accepted. Reported the low bid of $71,200.00 was submitted by LA Sites, Mokena, IL and verified that this contractor meets the criteria of the Village's responsible bidder ordinance. Guy told he is currently working to obtain easements from two (2) property owners and explained what would be done to complete this project if these are not secured. Discussion followed on whether the pavement would be open cut or if boring would be done under the roadway. Council agreed to the least costly option of open cutting the roadway, reducing the bid amount by approximately $19,000. Council members present then agreed to accept this low bid from LA Sites, with the roadway to be open cut and contingent upon obtaining these easements (motion Gerrish/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0).

Comm. Serena

Opened by stating that Village workers do a very good job and he is not seeking any compensation nor does he want to take away anyone's job or overtime. He requested acceptance by the council that he be permitted to use Village vehicles and equipment to assist with an emergency situation such as a water leak or snow storm. Comm. Gerrish pointed out the recent passing of a policy on the use of Village vehicles and equipment. Council members present then agreed to his assisting in these situations if needed and his use of that equipment (motion Serena/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0).

Mayor Wise

Reported that a letter has been sent to the property owner at 310 N. Pine St. (D. Kelly) concerning removal of an abandoned vehicle.

Reminded everyone of the dedication ceremony for the new gazebo to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 29, followed at 5:00 p.m. with the lighting of the Christmas tree. In conjunction with this event for safety purposes, council members agreed to block an area on Depot St. from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on that date. Comm. Serena suggested that both the fire department and the Sheriff's Department should be notified of this closing.

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