The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2009 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Commissioners present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. (Also present: Scott Belt, Atty., Guy Christensen, Eng.). All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes
April 13, 2009 — motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Payment of bills — motion Hileman/second Gerrish
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Payment of May Sr. Citizen luncheon with a maximum of $250.00 — motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Abatement of annual 5% water rate increase — motion Gerrish/second Hileman
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

Both Kelly Walker of United Way and Eric Fosnaugh, Planning & Zoning Board Chairman, listed on the agenda, were not present.

Mayor Wise presented letters of resignation from Planning & Zoning Board Members Jeff Wright and John Hopwood. Council accepted these resignations (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). Comm. Cox noted there are now two (2) vacancies to be filled.

Resident Gerry VonQualen requested the Council to allow him to read his prepared statement (attached). He first addressed the rumor of his candidacy for mayor in the next election and told at this time this is untrue and if this were to change, he personally will announce. Next was rumor that the gazebo cost $40,000, a waste of taxpayer money; on this he stated that the gazebo was constructed with no taxpayer money. Likewise on the gazebo, he has been told that Comm. Hileman is telling that he and a masonry worker had been compensated for their work and that this is absolutely not true. In closing, Gerry stated, if necessary, he will continue to attend council meetings to dispel these type rumors and requested that this statement be entered into the minutes of this council meeting.

Next, Mayor Wise reported he had received a request from the GSW High School Prom Lock-In Committee asking for consideration of a donation for this event. Council agreed to donate, as in past years, $500.00 (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 [Serena]).

Attorney Belt

Updated that there was a staff meeting on April 14 with Rich Piccolo of B&F Technical and Village inspectors with the purpose for discussion on all codes. Mr. Piccolo was given directive to prepare all necessary code information agreed upon at this meeting and provide to the Clerk who will then disburse to the inspectors for their review prior to furnishing to Council Members.

On codification, told he spoke with American Legal Publishing and, although it was suggested they go forward with this, they have put this on standby while the Village continues to work on this. With this, Atty. Belt has found that the 10th edition of Robert's Rules of Order is current and has ordered a copy for the Village.

Called attention to his memo to Council Members containing a copy of TIF Atty. Tom Jacob's letter of April 16 which reviewed the Gardner TIF guidelines and recommended that Resolution R-131 be repealed as these guidelines were adopted prior to the TIF Reform Act in 1999. Atty. Belt will provide this information to the codification firm.

Comm. Hileman

Began discussion on the Beautification Committee noting he too has heard rumors on some of the things Gerry VonQualen mentioned. Concerning expenses/revenues being incorrect, much research was done and it was determined and agreed to that there was a profit of approximately $150 from last

year's festival; a check was issued to the Committee for deposit of these monies into that account. Reported that, after their inspection, our insurance company requested a value to insure the gazebo; $55,000 was the value fixed. At no time did he say any tax dollars were spent for this project.

Feels this committee, as is done in some other towns, should be independent of the Village, thus, recordkeeping would be kept by them. Comm. Hileman, then motioned for this committee to be dissolved and for all monies remaining to be returned to them; after second was made by Comm. Serena, conversation continued.

The invoice for the jail speakers was reviewed; Comm. Cox presented a copy of the invoice from John Weiss along with that for the S. Jackson St. generator, stating he saw no difference in the type information these contained and further that the Rt. 66 organization made a donation to the committee for one-half the cost of these speakers, the full cost then paid by the committee. Comm. Cox strongly opposed this committee breaking away from the Village.

Next was the handling of committee donations and purchases for accurate recordkeeping. Comm. Hileman stated the actual cost of an item should be invoiced and if the cost were offset by a donation, this should be shown, thus the true value of the item is known. Went over how items such as flowers and candy are purchased by members, costs deducted from sales made, with profits then turned in as donations. After short conversation on this committee becoming a separate fund-raising type organization, Comm. Hileman told that some changes have been instituted as to how monies and expenses are presented to the Village; thus, he requested his previous motion to dissolve this committee be withdrawn.

Comm. Gerrish

Explained, the water rate increase was abated to assist residents during this poor economy; he feels there is adequate funding in these accounts at this time to do so.

Washington Street Watermain Extension Project: reported there remains more restoration work to be done by L.A. Sites which will be completed as weather permits. On the portion done by Fatlan Trucking, told they will be contacted to do the restoration work in the area owned by Tom Valone (former Indicator Lites property).

Comm. Serena

Held discussion on the street maintenance project to be done on S. Jackson Street and on the differing prices for completion, with, versus without, curb and gutter installation. Council Members went over items related to this, including lane width, speeding concerns (Comm. Gerrish feels stop signs have alleviated this problem), requirements in the subdivision ordinance, borrowing monies from the TIF and General Funds, increased engineering fees if bid both ways (estimated $2,000 increase) and possible favorable bidding due to the economic conditions. Council agreed that Comm. Serena and Guy will speak further and this project will be placed for bid (motion Serena/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Told he has been asked for barricade placement in some areas for the upcoming 5k run during the Red Carpet Corridor event; Comm. Cox added two (2) other locations also needing to be closed at this time. Comm. Serena has agreed to place and remove these barricades.

Comm. Cox

Council agreed to his request that the Beautification Committee be responsible for the grounds maintenance at the gazebo. Also reported that the jail speakers will be installed soon and on favorable comments received on the Spring all-town cleanup weekend.

On the home being constructed at 307 W. Main St., voiced concern with the lack of barricades or fencing and feels the building inspector should be contacted to handle.

Asked about the fence installation at the S. Jackson St. generator; Comm. Gerrish said this is to be done and will look into pricing. On this also, Comm. Cox suggested looking into a monitoring system for this generator.

Asked Mayor Wise about requests he gave to him and agreed to look into these, one concerning drainage near 105 W. Jefferson and the other on a tree possibly needing removal near 204 N. Center.

Told he has received a letter from Barbara Baker (406 E. Washington St.) on abandoned vehicles and

updated that a letter will soon be sent to all residents on this along with other property maintenance type concerns.

Mayor Wise

Informed the senior citizens group will visit the jail on May 1 at 2:00 p.m. and that the Lions Club will hold a 60th anniversary open house at the American Legion from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on June 7 .

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:38 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Cox, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner