The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:08 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2009 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Commissioners present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. (Also present: John Bates, Atty, Guy Christensen, Eng.). All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes July 13, 2009	motion Hileman/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Payment of bills	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Communications

An anonymous letter pertaining to the building permit for a new home constructed on Railroad St. and directed to all board members was mentioned by Comm. Cox. Comm. Gerrish asked if there are inconsistencies with these things that should be addressed; Comm. Serena feels with this case, the person writing may not be fully informed. This letter will be placed on file.

Agenda

VG09-005, An Ordinance Making Appropriations for All Corporate Purposes for the Village of Gardner for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2009 and Ending April 30, 2010, was presented. After Comm. Hileman made everyone aware of changes from the previous year, Council agreed to accept this ordinance (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

On contractor registration, Comm. Hileman began with motion to repeal this ordinance. Comm. Gerrish's feeling was that some type guidelines are called for and that inspectors should also look over and provide input. Comm. Cox, not in favor of repealing, suggested in could be amended in some areas but then forms should be readied and the ordinance enforced. Upon talking over other towns that have passed this type ordinance, possible dollar limitations as to who would need to be registered, contractors vs. homeowners who take out a building permit, Council agreed to table and look into this further (motion Gerrish/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Unfinished Business

Comm. Cox sought an update on the codification project; Atty. Bates responded that a meeting was held with the inspectors and code books have been ordered for their final review.

Attorney Bates

Told he has put together bid packages for the garbage contract and provided same to all members. After discussion, it was agreed the bid notice would be in the newspapers the week of August 7, pre-bid conference would be August 24 and the cut-off date for bid submittal would be September 14. He asked that anyone requesting changes to this should be in touch with him no later than August 4.

Comm. Hileman

On the $700,000 CD that had recently matured, told $200,000 was deposited into the TIF savings account (for use with the S. Jackson Street Project) and a new $500,000 CD was opened at the First National Bank of Dwight at a rate of 2.65% for one (1) year.

Comm. Gerrish

On the storm sewer replacement on Wilmington Street, told this is on-hold until he speaks further with Guy Christensen; asked this be placed on the next meeting agenda.

After Comm. Cox brought up status on installation of a fence at the Ida Lane generator, told he has been looking into costs; requested this too be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Comm. Serena

Informed he has no firm dollar figures on the salt storage building as yet and requested this be again placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Told also that Fatlan Trucking has been notified to begin work on the sidewalk replacement on Jefferson St. as soon as they are able, at the quoted pricing approved at the previous meeting

Comm. Cox

Asked Comm. Serena about the possibility of blacktopping the now graveled area at the Spencer St. Park, noting cars that park here pull over the sidewalk and even into the park. Comm. Serena felt that doing so could cause problems such as with skateboarders who could use these curbs as ramps; he will, however, look at possible solution.

Provided a copy of a newspaper ad showing another town seeking a code enforcement officer, adding he continues to believe this needs to be addressed here.

Eng. Guy Christensen

Reported that 'D' Construction is staking this week and intends to begin work on the S. Jackson Street Improvement Project next week. Some conversation followed on costs for this project and that homeowners will be responsible for removal and reinstallation of any mailboxes on Village right-of-way.

A street light outage at the S.E. corner of Rt. 129 and Main Street will be reported to ComEd.

As agreed to at the earlier special board meeting, at 7:57 p.m., council members re-entered into executive session to discuss employment, compensation, performance of specific employees [Section (2)(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act] (motion Cox/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). At 8:56 p.m. regular session was reconvened (motion Hileman/second Cox; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Motion was then made by Comm. Hileman that all employees will receive a 3% wage increase, retroactive to the first payroll of the new fiscal year (May 2009). Further, Steve Baker is to receive an additional $.75/hour increase for obtaining his sewer license, this to be retroactive to February 2009 and Denice Muzzarelli will receive an additional $1.00/hour increase, retroactive to May 2009. This was seconded by Comm. Serena. Roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:05 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner