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

Accepted were:

Minutes – Special Meeting July 27, 2009	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Minutes – Regular Meeting	motion Serena/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Financial Report	motion Hileman/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0
Payment of bills	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Agenda

Contractor registration: Coal City and Wilmington licensing forms were looked over and with some modification, Coal City's was preferred. It was agreed, for example, if a homeowner took out a building permit and was doing work himself or with friends/family, no licensing is needed; however, if contractors are employed, they do need to be licensed. Comm. Gerrish feels our ordinance spells out a good procedure and fees but it has not been enforced. He also stated the zoning officer/building inspector needs to understand what is expected so past problems no longer occur; the same guidelines need to be followed for everyone and he, in this position, needs to take the lead. A license form will be drafted and provided for review. After learning from the Clerk that there is no section on our current building permit for listing of contractors, Council requested a copy of this form also for review. Council agreed to again table discussion to next meeting (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

On this same matter. resident Richard Goedert expressed displeasure over a past issue with his family where a person called on them with available blacktop material and would do work immediately at a good price. He feels the Village should go after these type fly-by-night people as there is no way to know if they're licensed. Comm. Gerrish explained to him that this type work requires a building permit and the Village should have been contacted. Comm. Serena pointed out that if anyone selling an item or service goes door-to-door, a solicitor's permit is mandatory; if they do not possess this, the Village should be contacted and immediate action will be taken.

Resident Don Phillips spoke to the Council concerning an article printed in the July issue of the National Fire Protection Assoc. journal related to sprinkler systems. After briefly summarizing info it contains, he recommended council members read this article and consider its contents when looking into building codes and prior to final ordinance codification. The article will be emailed to the Clerk for copying to all.

Attorney Belt

Told there was a staff meeting with Rich Piccolo (BF Technical Code Svs) and that he has a number of proposed changes to the building code. Two (2) sets of the various codes being proposed for adoption have been purchased by the Village for review as to where items have been added or deleted (Atty. Belt will temporarily take one (1) set for his review). Will have another staff meeting and then present to the Council; the final revision will be provided to the code company.

Comm. Hileman

Informed Ida Schopp talked with him, saying the beautification committee was having the Dixie Rose Band (costing $300) at the gazebo on August 15. As it was too late for placement on this agenda, he asked members to consider reimbursing them for this cost, with monies to be taken from the Gardner Days Fund and at next meeting, a decision could be made. Responding to Comm. Serena's questions, he said that all monies had been released to this committee and that they no longer need to come before the Village to ask permission for any spending.

Comm. Gerrish

On the Wilmington St. storm sewer replacement, reported he has one (1) bid and is to get another. Explained some changes being looked at on this project for improvements to the drainage. More information is intended for next meeting.

Told measurements have been taken and he is getting prices on fencing for around the Ida Lane generator. It will be about 10' x 18' and 6' high; he is looking at maintenance-free material. At this time, he is gathering more information and will bring this back to the Council at the next meeting.

Lastly, informed he has started work on a valve exercising program; as there are over 300 valves, a schedule and log needs to be set up. Because this will be time-consuming and an ongoing project, will look into costs to purchase a machine for this work. Comm. Serena suggested may also look into renting to see how they work prior to purchasing. More information will be supplied at next meeting.

Comm. Serena

Did more research on the salt storage (hoop) building. Told that instead of using lumber for the sides, a lower cost option would be to purchase concrete blocks (estimated need for approximately 96 blocks at about $20 to $25 each). In doing this, ground would be leveled, asphalt base poured, blocks set in place (3 high) and hoop then attached. The manufacturer (TEK Supply) suggests 2×8's be put outside the blocks for hooking the mounting straps. The 42' x 96' building cost is $15,000; if installed, there is an additional cost of $8,000. Comm. Serena feels that, with help, we can do this ourselves. Comm. Hileman suggested that pouring this asphalt could be coordinated with the Jackson St. project for possible cost savings. At next meeting, Comm. Serena should have more detailed information from TEK Supply.

Brought up a problem on the Jackson Street Maintenance Project; Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. explained there are a few locations where the gas main is into the storm sewer. Nicor has been contacted and will come out to move these. The contractor, 'D' Construction, will do work in other project areas until this is done. Comm. Serena reminded that residents were notified that mailboxes need to be moved and that he's been questioned about installation of speed bumps to slow traffic. Council will consider this at a later date.

Mayor Wise

Told work has started on the 2010 census and that the churches have asked for pamphlets with information. It was explained that the Lions Club is coordinating this effort for the Village and will be providing flyers to churches and various organizations/businesses. Information will also be put on water bills and the local access channel, reminding residents to be counted as this determines distribution of government funding for community services.

Resident Pat Huston requested Council help to get Zoning Officer Dean Rankovich to sign their occupancy permit; she told this was asked for on July 6 and it is still unsigned. As he is in attendance, she hopes he can now sign so that they can move on and get their garage finished.

The Clerk will contact ComEd for repair of a reported street light outage on Main St., between Railroad and East Streets.

Planning and Zoning Board chairman Eric Fosnaugh addressed Atty Belt with information that the Church of Hope is interested to purchase the lot across the street from their building on Jefferson St. for use as a parking lot. As he is uncertain how to proceed, Atty. Belt suggested he contact him at his office.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner