The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 28, 2009, in the Village Hall Council Chambers. All Commissioners were present: Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Gary Cox, Bill Gerrish. (Also present: Atty. Scott Belt, Eng. Guy Christensen). All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes September 14, 2009	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
Payment of bills	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

Refuse, yard waste, recycle pick-up bids: Short discussion was held on the spreadsheet data provided by Atty Belt, comparing bid information submitted by Heartland Disposal, Allied Waste and WasteManagement. Council Members then agreed to accept the five (5) year contract which included an 18 gallon recyclable container and with no yard waste collection as submitted by the low bidder, Heartland Disposal (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). Atty. Belt has prepared an ordinance for execution of this contract.

Saturday, October 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. was decided upon for Halloween trick-or-treat in the Village (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Atty. Belt

Submitted and briefly explained a memo and attachments concerning amendments to the building codes. He reminded that a special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. for discussion and possible approval on this topic. Along with Council Members, to be present are Village Inspectors and Rich Piccolo (BF Technical).Further on this, reported that after approval, this information will be provided to American Legal Publishing who will then complete the final draft of the entire Village Municipal Code.

Comm. Hileman

Requested that Comm. Cox provide the Clerk with a copy of the invoice he has received on the construction of the gazebo.

Comm. Gerrish

No report

Comm. Serena

South Jackson Street Improvement Project: Reported that Nicor has completed moving of the gas lines and that 'D' Construction's work is underway. Told that this area will be a mess for a short time but that he feels this contractor will do a good job.

Concerning sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system, gave everyone a copy of the portion of Chapter 13 on this and again stated he feels this needs to be looked into as the Village is processing a lot of water. Comm. Gerrish suggested that downspouts should be checked and may possibly be done by our employees during the reading of water meters. Some conversation followed on residents who could refuse to allow the Village to check on this and the solutions if this were to occur. Comm. Hileman feels that there is not as serious a problem since the grease problem at the sewer plant has been corrected.

Comm. Cox

Abandoned vehicles: reported he spoke with Atty. Belt on this and that he, Atty. Belt, the Clerk and Denice will sit down to go over clarification of the procedure.

Reported that he received notification from the Gardner Fire Chief that there had been a house fire at 108 N. Railroad St. Some structure damage had occurred and he requested both the building and electrical inspectors be made aware and to inspect.

Eng. Christensen

Wilmington Street Watermain Improvements Project: Told that some items still need to be worked on and will go through this with Comm. Hileman.

Reported receipt of a letter from the Illinois E.P.A. regarding problems with testing. The items have been addressed and he has prepared a letter for the Mayor's signature and submittal. This will be emailed to the Clerk for transfer to Village letterhead, signature by the Mayor and submittal to the I.E.P.A.

Briefly gave additional update on the South Jackson Street Improvement Project.

Mayor Wise

Presented a request received from the Gardner Lions Club for permission for street corner solicitation on October 9 and 10, 2009. Mayor Wise then proclaimed these dates as Lions Candy Day in the Village of Gardner, asking everyone, where possible, to support this worthy effort. Council accepted with motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0.

Reported he was provided with a letter from Gibs Neilsen, granting permission for the removal of railroad ties at the Neilsen Grain Co. property abutting the Village's parking lot on Depot Street.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made a7:40 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner