The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2009, in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Commissioners present were: Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Gary Cox (Bill Gerrish was absent). (Also present: Atty. Scott Belt, Eng. Guy Christensen). All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes	motion Hileman/second Cox	
October 26, 2009	roll vote:	ayes 4, nays 0
Financial Report	motion Hileman/second Cox	
Month of October 2009	roll vote:	ayes 4, nays 0
Payment of bills	motion Hileman/second Serena	
(with addition of $920.00 invoice from Fatlan Trkg. for block transport/salt storage building)	roll vote:	ayes 4, nays 0

Prior to acceptance of bill payment and responding to Comm. Cox, Comm. Hileman reported that invoices were received from the Lions Club as stipulated in the Village's agreement to reimburse up to $500.00 for this year's Halloween party.

Agenda

Pat Malinowski, President of the Gardner Lions Club announced that the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend. It was also noted that the Girl Scouts will have their tree lighting ceremony near the old jail that same night at 5:45 p.m.

FY2010 Tax Levy Ordinance: Comm. Hileman reminded that at the last meeting he asked that anyone who might have changes to the Levy for consideration to contact him prior to this meeting. Told he received no calls and repeated his intent to again not raise the Village tax rate. He then motioned that the FY2010 Tax Levy be accepted with no changes from the previous year; this was seconded by Comm. Serena. Roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0.

Atty. Belt reported on the public hearings held before the Planning & Zoning Board with two (2) issues, both relating to off-street parking for the Church of Hope, property located at 108 W. Jefferson St. (filed by Mark Goodwin, property owner). Council Members were all provided with copies of the P&Z Board's Findings and Recommendation reports, which noted a unanimous recommendation by those present.

He further explained that Church members present at the public hearing, and later meeting, were made aware of the requirements for a hard surface (dust-free) parking area, along with a wall or planting along the areas abutting residential; he feels this was understood by those present. Also addressed and explained were drainage issues and the possible need for a new catch basin; Eng. Guy Christensen will look into this further. Atty. Belt told too that the Village can grant reasonable conditions, such as an additional time allowance for completion of the parking surface.

1. Zoning Variance request for front-yard and side-yard setbacks from 25' to 0' to allow for construction of an off-street parking lot for the Church of Hope
   Accepted: motion Hileman/second Cox (roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0)

2. Special Use Permit to allow a parking lot in a residential zone, up to sixty (60) months for compliance with a dust-free hard surface, to waive legal and engineering fees, a plan for storm water drainage to be approved by the Village engineer prior to construction and reimbursement of any fees previously paid.
   Accepted: motion Hileman/second Serena (roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0)

Atty. Belt

No report

Comm. Cox asked about the status of the violations at the Coleman property on Railroad Street; Atty. Belt told he had provided this to Att. Bates and will follow-up with him.

Comm. Hileman

No report

Comm. Gerrish

Not present

Comm. Serena

Reported that the So. Jackson Street Improvement Project is going well. He and Eng. Christensen provided updates on adjustments to catch basins, dirt work, seeding, stop sign replacement and damage repair to the property south of this project.

Told work on the salt storage building at the Sewer Plant is progressing.

Informed that Jeff Lee of J&R Service has offered to tow the old red pick-up truck to the GAVC location in Morris and that they are appreciative of this donation for their students.

Comm. Cox

Asked status on repair of the park basketball backboards; Comm. Hileman told one (1) is at a shop to be welded. As the other has also been damaged, Comm. Cox asked if two (2) new ones could be purchased. Steve Baker has found some which were very expensive and Comm. Cox has then checked online and found breakaway ones at approximately $350.00 and he will get with the Clerk to look into these. Comm. Serena also suggested checking with some local sporting goods stores.

Eng. Christensen

On west side of So. Jackson St. where water service was extended, told he suggested to Steve Baker that steel posts be put next to the buffalo boxes for better visibility; Comm. Hileman told this will be done.

Mayor Wise

Concerning the Village's solicitor ordinance and a person who has requested to go door-to-door selling insurance and stating this does not require a permit or fee, requested Atty. Belt to look into this further and contact him in the morning.

It was noted there will be a Veterans Day observance on Wednesday, November 11 at the Gardner fire station.

Asked Council support for the residential outdoor Christmas decorating contact with prizes for first, second and third places of $100, $75, $50 respectively. Judging would be held December 19 with awarding of prizes on December 20. Council agreed (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made a7:27 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner