The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2010, in the Village Hall Council Chambers. All Commissioners were present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. (Also present: Atty. Scott Belt, Eng. Guy Christensen). All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes - December 14, 2009 After correction by Comm. Serena that flashing lights were installed atop stop signs on South, not North Jackson St., minutes were approved as amended.

motion Serena/second Hileman
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

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

Appointment of Denice Muzzarelli as Deputy Clerk — motion Hileman/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

Speaking on behalf of Karen Perkins, Ida Schopp announced that the Lions Club Beautification Committee would like to place banners on poles at various locations in the Village and asked permission to do so; Council agreed (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). Photos were shown and it was explained that these could be changed with seasons. Comm. Cox asked if monies from the Gardner Days Fund could be used for this purchase. Pat Malinowski reported the initial purchase would be about $2400, to include banners, brackets, banding and banding tool; after that, additional costs would be for new banners only. It was learned that Comm. Serena has a banding tool available. Although the Council was supportive, there was question these might interfere with the location of brackets for the Village Christmas decorations; thus, it was decided to table until it could be looked into further by talking with Village maintenance employees. Pat indicated that they would like these installed prior to the May Rt. 66 Red Carpet Corridor event.

Unfinished Business

None

Atty. Belt

Told he received acknowledgment from American Legal Publishing and continues work on this final revision.. They do not object to both he and the Clerk looking over the final draft once again. An item was brought to his attention by Comm. Cox on an amendment he made, not raised to the Board as he felt it was typographical; this was related to a change made on school acreage requirements, which was taken from the Village's Land Cash Ordinance and corrected inconsistencies.
Provided the Village with copies of the amended zoning map which he has reviewed and feels is now current; only item not clarified, (nothing found in public record), is a subdivision on Campus Rd. south of Rt. 53 showing a portion of a subdivision outside Village limits.

Had been requested and did contact Rich Piccolo (BF Technical Code Svs) regarding the Nielsen property. Rich believes that the Property Maintenance Code may provide the Village with some relief and leverage to pursue improvements to the property. Village will need to have the code in place and adopted before it can be utilized.

Finally, told there is an amendment under the Open Meetings Act, effective January 1, 2010. Like the amendment to the Freedom of Information Act, the Village is to designate officers to obtain certification. He pointed out that this applies to any public bodies that are part of the Village such as the Planning & Zoning Board. Further information will be provided to Council Members for more discussion.

Comm. Hileman

Reported there was recently (December 11, 2009) an Illinois Department of Labor inspection of Village properties, a number of violations were found and a letter had been sent to IDOL last week outlining actions the Village has taken to abate the violations. He explained Hartman Assoc. are writing recommendations and procedures and that a manual of procedures is being put together which will be kept in all vehicles, the water and sewer plants, maintenance building and lift stations. He then described various equipment, protective and safety items that have been purchased (signs, vests, face shields, chaps, tripod/winch, harness, headgear, visors, earplugs, fans, lights, etc.). Council Members will be provided a copy when complete. Comm. Gerrish extended his thanks to Comm. Hileman for taking the time to handle corrections of these violations.

Comm. Gerrish

No report

Comm. Serena

No report

Comm. Cox

Noted the re-opening of FJ Metals Company on Rt. 53, although only a few people are working at this time.

Eng. Christensen

No report

Mayor Wise

No report

Public Comment

Representing the Gardner Fire District, Terry Marketti spoke to apologize to the Council for the inconvenience caused by the Gardner Fire Chief with their water billing, which, although that billing had been waived by the Village to assist residents during difficult times, had been presented to the Village for payment to be used as a donation. He further remarked that he felt a donation using Fire District tax money was inappropriate, there was no authorization for this to be done and a discussion on this along with how all bills are paid will be held with the chief. Comm. Hileman explained to him that despite these checks not being deposited, no late fee penalties would be assessed due to this confusion and the checks would be returned to Terry after the meeting. Terry extended his thanks, stated this bill would be straightened out at their next meeting and stressed the importance of taxing bodies getting along to promote, not divide the Village.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made a7:29 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Gerrish, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner