The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2010, in the Village Hall Council Chambers. All Commissioners were present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes — motion Hileman/second Cox
January 25, 2010 (tabled) — roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0

February 8, 2010 — motion Serena/second Cox
roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, pass 2 (Hileman, Gerrish)

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

Agenda None

Unfinished Business None

Comm. Hileman

Recalled his attempt last year to have a one-year tax abatement adopted but there were concerns expressed that, because of the TIF District, this would not be equitable for all residents. He reminded that Village TIF Atty. Tom Jacob had provided his opinion on this. He asked now that everyone relook at this for discussion at the next meeting.

In response to corrections on the cited violations received from the Illinois Department of Labor, provided everyone with the manual related to safe work procedures prepared for our maintenance personnel. Told that all needed equipment has been purchased and that maintenance personnel training will be held this week; responding to Comm. Cox, told there would be a cost for this training. On the need to calibrate meters used for confined space entry, Fire Chief Wilkey offered this at no-charge at the Fire Department; Comm. Hileman said the Village will have more information on this after training is held.

Comm. Gerrish

Told that there was a problem with one of the pumps at the Sewer Plant and it is presently being rebuilt.

Concerning the fence to encircle the lift station on S. Jackson St., told he felt the quote received was too high and has looked at other fencing options; he assured that this project is a priority and will be done this spring.

Comm. Serena

Reported that repairs were needed on one of the maintenance trucks and that the auger for the salt has been worked on.

Comm. Cox

After noting that this was discussed at prior meetings, motioned that Gardner Days Funds be used for the purchase of the banners by the Gardner Lions Beautification Committee; second was made by Comm. Gerrish. Roll vote: ayes 2 (Gerrish, Cox), nays 3 (Serena, Hileman, Wise). Motion failed.

Asked Comm. Hileman if it would be time for an income study to be done to see if the Village could apply for funds for water mains, sewer lines, etc.; with the poor economy and construction costs down, feels it could be a good time to do this. Comm. Hileman suggested that he could contact North Central Illinois Council; he also briefly explained funding he has applied for under the stimulus plan.

Mayor Wise

Pointed out that the new basketball hoops have been installed in the park.

Reported street light outages at Jackson-Division Streets and Main-Grundy Streets; Clerk will report to ComEd.

Public Comment None

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made a7:14 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Gerrish, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner