The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010, in the Village Hall Council Chambers. All Commissioners were present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. (Also present: Scott Belt, Atty., Guy Christensen, Eng.) All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes	motion Gerrish/second Hileman	
March 22, 2010	roll vote:	ayes 5, nays 0
Financial Report	motion Hileman/second Serena	
Month of March 2010	roll vote:	ayes 5, nays 0
Payment of current bills	motion Hileman/second Cox	
	roll vote:	ayes 5, nays 0

Agenda

Atty. Belt presented the ordinance for the re-codification of the Village's Code of Ordinances, stating that this lengthy project is now complete. Responding to Comm. Hileman, told that a letter from the Planning & Zoning Board recommending that the zoning text amendments be accepted is forthcoming. Told also that any earlier editions of the Village Municipal Code and Zoning pamphlets should be returned to the Village as they are no longer in effect. With no further conversation, An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the Village of Gardner Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying and Compiling Existing General Ordinances of the Village of Gardner and Adopting Certain Zoning Text Amendments (Ord. #001-2010) was approved (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).____

Unfinished Business None

Attorney Belt

Reported that under a lien filed by the Village for unpaid water and sewer charges at 308 W. Jefferson St. (David Kielb), complete reimbursement, including attorney fees and costs, has been received. Check in the amount of $1,875.32 was given to the Clerk for deposit.

Comm. Hileman

Informed he met with GSW High School concerning the TIF agreement and that they have presented a proposal which has been forwarded to TIF Atty. Tom Jacob for review. Once complete, more information will be provided.

Told that a CD will be maturing soon and he is looking into interest rates at area banks.

Reminded that some time ago, John Weiss of the Rt. 66 Assoc., along with Tom Perkins told that if the Riviera Restaurant were not to re-open, the street car would be turned over to them. From the audience, Tom shared that this has been done and that John functions as administrator. He added they would like it to stay in Gardner, noting that both Odell and Pontiac are interested in having it. It was reported Fatlan Trucking has agreed to move it to the Village. Some estimated costs to have it relocated to the old jail area: concrete ($1350), rods ($78), forms ($100), blocks ($200), wire mesh ($68), and road mix subbase ($330). There was no cost estimated for electric work. Additionally, Tom felt security lighting should be installed and eventually, a walkway put in; he believes there is funding for roof repairs through the Rt. 66 Assoc. After brief discussion on volunteers willing to assist and a possible lease arrangement between the Rt. 66 Assoc. and the Village, because this was not on this agenda, Comm. Hileman requested it be added to the next agenda for more discussion and possible approval.

Reported the Dept. of Labor visited today to look over violation corrections made by the Village on those items cited. Comm. Hileman added that the Village had previously sent a complete listing of all corrective actions the Village had taken. Although this representative had not seen this information, he did confirm that the Village is now in compliance.

Comm. Gerrish

With economic conditions remaining a concern, his review of fund revenues and his intent for no watermain replacement projects to be done this year, Comm. Gerrish recommended that the May 1 five percent (5%) water rate increase be waived. Council agreed (motion Gerrish/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Reported that the fence to surround the S. Jackson Street generator should be completed shortly.

Reported valves are being exercised by employees and that the project is going well.

Comm. Serena

Informed he has no additional information on the low-speed utility vehicle at this time but has spoken with two (2) dealers on installation of a box for hauling.

Comm. Cox

Told he was unaware a letter was sent out on abandoned vehicle violations and did not authorize this. Made note of ordinance references to vehicle owner, not property owner, the need for a hearing officer and that he feels the Grundy County Sheriff's Dept. should verify that the vehicle is in fact abandoned/unregistered. Comm. Hileman said it is his understanding under this ordinance that once a letter is sent and a hearing is not requested, the vehicle can then be towed. There was conversation on how to know if a vehicle is registered, abandoned or inoperable; Atty Belt spoke of probable cause and stated these can be towed, cited or both. There was discussion about Roofwerks (308 W. Main St.), and whether tearing down cars for parts to sell/recycle can be done at this location and that the vehicle in question has been there for a long period. Two (2) residents were present to talk over letters each had received. The reason these letters were sent was explained to each person and it was suggested if there are questions or issues, they should immediately contact the Village Hall for clarification and/or assistance.

Eng. Guy Christensen

Told he has spoken with Mug-A-Bug and that they will be spraying the ditches again in three (3) to four (4) weeks. Short discussion followed on the need to do this on a yearly basis.

Mayor Wise

Reminded of the all-town curbside clean up date set for Monday, April 19

Reminded and requested that all residents fill out and return their 2010 census forms.

Public Comment

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:52 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Gerrish, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner