The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Commissioners were present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, (Bill Gerrish was absent). (Also present: Scott Belt, Atty., Guy Christensen, Eng.) All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes May 10, 2010 motion Serena/second Cox
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

May 25, 2010 (Special Meeting) motion Serena/second Cox
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Financial Report motion Cox/second Serena
Month of May, 2010 roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Bill Payment Ratify motion Serena/second Cox
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Current motion Cox/second Hileman
roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1

Agenda

Eric Fosnaugh (110 W Mazon St.) was present to read a prepared statement voicing his displeasure with trees recently removed at the front of his property and told he had spoken with both Comms. Hileman and Cox. He acknowledged that these trees were located on Village right-of-way and that one (1) was in poor condition, however, he told he has always cared for these trees and on one occasion only had asked for help with branch removal. Comm. Hileman related he did vote affirmatively but that Comm. Cox had presented the information and was responsible for the project. Comm. Cox told there had been complaints and these tree removals were based on recommendations from the three (3) tree companies who had submitted bids. Eric said these trees created no unsafe condition with utilities or sidewalks; he also felt residents should be talked with prior to these type projects being done. Responding to a suggestion for the Village to replace these trees, Comm. Hileman called attention to an ordinance that prohibits trees being planted on Village properties. After Eric thanked the Council for hearing his comments, Comm. Serena said he appreciated his thoughts and that these will be taken under consideration in the future.

Tawnya Mack presented and detailed the annual Village audit conducted by Echols, Mack & Assoc. Along with the Annual Audit Report, she presented each Council Member with a letter containing three (3) of their comments and recommendations for strengthening internal control and operating efficiency. She then briefly summarized various sections showing activity in individual funds, comparing those to previous years. With the Garbage Fund, she called attention to a decrease due to this year's property tax abatement. In closing she again reported that the Village is in good financial condition and that the records maintained by the Village Clerk remain in good order and are consistent with reporting standards. The Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Audit Report will now be placed on permanent file with the Village.

Unfinished Business None

Attorney Belt No Report

Comm. Hileman

Referring to the annual appropriation ordinance, told he would like to have this adopted at the next meeting (June 28); asked all Council Members to look over those monies appropriated last year and to contact him prior to that meeting with any suggested amendments.

Reported that he has spoken with many people about the fire that destroyed The Riviera Restaurant, with many voicing concern with the usage of Village water and the fire vehicle horns being blown. He clearly stated he has no problem with Village water being used during an emergency but feels there may have also been some other options such as the river/creek water and the Fire Department's well (Comm. Cox told that this had been pumped dry) versus the Village's softened water. His opinion is that the Village needs to come up with some type procedure for this type water usage and that when pressure is down to 30 lbs., the use should cease as this creates low water pressure along with the requirement for the Village to issue a boil order and do testing until results are accepted by the I.E.P.A. When asked by Comm. Cox, he stated he would feel this same way had the fire been within the Village limits. There was also short conversation on fire department requirements for extinguishing fires and safety issues to nearby areas.

Comm. Gerrish Absent

Comm. Serena No report

Comm. Cox

Asked if the Village still does not require roofing contractors to have a State license or did this change upon codification? Comm. Hileman answered that this did not change, that the Village has never said a person must show this license. Then asked if there is an area on the building permit for this information, saying he understands the Village does not require a permit for re-roofing but that he feels this would be a way to make sure a roofer is State licensed and to enforce this. Comm. Hileman does not feel the Village is to enforce this, similar to other State requirements, such as the licensing of vehicles which the State itself enforces. Atty. Belt inserted that this would be an issue for the Department of Labor, which is the enforcement branch of the State.

Eng. Guy Christensen No report

Mayor Wise No report

Public Comment

Regarding the street car, resident Tom Perkins told that it cannot be moved at this time due to the fire; if Fatlan Trucking's bid for debris removal at The Riviera is accepted, his equipment will be onsite and he feels the street car is then ready to be moved. Asked if a location in the Village has been decided upon. With Council's feeling that some type documentation is needed for the street car to permanently remain in the Village, Tom reported that there is paperwork stating that the street car was given to the Rt. 66 Association and, although he has not pursued this, feels that it would be signed off to the Village (this still needs to be discussed). Tom also feels there may be monies available through the Association for some costs incurred with its relocation. Atty. Belt reminded that this would then need to be included on the Village's insurance coverage.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:07 p.m. by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner