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

Accepted were:

Minutes motion Gerrish/second Serena
June 28, 2010 roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, absent 2

Financial Report motion Serena/second Gerrish
Month of June 2010 roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, absent 2

Bill Payment motion Gerrish/second Serena
roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, absent 2

Agenda No Items

Unfinished Business None

Attorney Bates

Provided the State of Illinois Governor's Home Town Award application to Mayor Wise, stating that he may wish to review and submit for any worthwhile community projects (gazebo, mural, street car were mentioned).

Comm. Gerrish

On the subject of running water/sewer from the former PLM property to Dibble Trucking brought up at last meeting, reminded that this is only in the initial talking stage and would like the opinion of other Council Members. Updated that as Ron Dibble would be interested in helping to pay for this project, he had asked Guy Christensen to run some cost figures. Based on a 10" watermain and 15" sanitary sewer line, cost is estimated to be $460,000. Discussion then centered on recapture fees with Guy explaining that as there is no one else to benefit at this time, recapture fees would apply to someone to go beyond Dibble Trucking in the future. He explained further that these lines are oversized at present and the sanitary sewer line would serve a large area; the Village itself would not get return on investment based on Dibble's usage and with the current economic condition, feels this would be looked at as long-term return. Comm. Gerrish will speak with Ron Dibble with the information he now has.

Reported on the recent large watermain break near Pine and Jefferson Streets that had drained the water tower, leaving the entire town without water until the area was able to be sectioned off and the leak repaired, taking about twelve (12) hours. Mentioned and thanked those who had assisted, Comm. Serena, Steve Perkins and extended appreciation for the valuable assistance of Joe Bexson who helped for the entire time to get the Village out of this predicament.

Comm. Serena

Told that with this watermain break, some of the roadway was torn up. Will try to let this go for now and keep watch on the area for more gravel to be added when settling occurs. When other roadways in the Village are to be patched, this area will be included. Comm. Serena will also keep watch for other patching projects scheduled for the Gardner area with the possibility of having work done at that time.

Eng. Guy Christensen

Informed of a meeting tomorrow at the Morris library for FEMA to provide flood area boundary maps and that he will attend to ensure they have the most up-to-date Village limit boundary maps.

Mayor Wise

Extended thanks to the Lions Beautification Committee for the program on Sunday for the dedication of the new wall mural. He felt everyone enjoyed the music and refreshments, along with the beautiful decorations and the newly installed benches near the lion fountain. Comms. Serena and Gerrish were also thanked for their help with the bench installation.

Public Comment None

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:11 p.m. by Comm. Gerrish, seconded by Comm. Serena, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner