The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2010 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Commissioners present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes motion Gerrish/second Serena
June 12, 2010 roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, pass 2 (Cox/Hileman)

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

Agenda

Resident Susan Tjelle read a prepared statement concerning her dissatisfaction with the service from Kraus Cable TV Co. She summarized some of the problems and concerns she has experienced with her television, internet and telephone service and that she has been repeatedly told that no others have called them with these problems. Comm. Hileman agreed that he, and others have had these same troubles and have received these same responses. Comm. Serena told he has also had problems and had contacted them, noting also that service outages can be expected during more severe storms. Susan closed with her request that everyone contact Kraus Cable whenever they experience any difficulties. Mayor Wise also agreed to contact Skip Kraus for discussion

Resident and Grundy County Board Member Tom Poole spoke on behalf of Dan Duffy (Grundy County Administrator) who was unable to attend. It was explained that the County has received grant funds to put up bus shelters at various locations. If the Village feels it would like to have one erected, a location would need to be chosen. Comm. Hileman told he had also talked with Mr. Duffy and suggested it be located near the lions fountain on Depot Street. After learning that there would be no cost to the Village for this but that the Village would maintain it, Council Members agreed this would be good for the Village (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). When the shelter is completed, Comm. Serena proposed that information be put on our local access channel so that residents are aware of this service

Unfinished Business None

Attorney Belt Not Present

Comm. Hileman

Brought forward a request from Vino's Bar & Grill for the closing of the Depot Street parking lot on Saturday, August 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Vino's will be sponsoring a fund-raising event to benefit We Care of Grundy County, with a car show to be run by the Pontiac Car Club and a DJ performance. Event sponsors will be responsible for all cleanup in the area. From the audience, Ida Schopp told she had talked with Cathy Pettavino on this and made everyone aware that this benefits We Care Grundy County, not We Care Gardner, that monies collected will not come to the Village and her feeling that some of the proceeds should stay in Gardner to help its residents. After conversations on this and on whether alcohol would be served outside, Council okayed this request along with Comm. Serena's suggestion that all the area businesses be advised so they can make any needed business adjustments with this lot closing (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Told that the Lions Beautification Committee has asked that the Village schedule it's fall cleanup day for the Monday following Halloween and it's spring cleanup day for the Monday following the first Saturday in June, the date set for the all-town garage sale.

Discussed new legislation to mandate reflective road signage and the possible costs to the Village for sign replacement. Comm. Serena has agreed to look into reflective decals that would be acceptable for existing signs.

Comm. Gerrish No Report

Comm. Serena

Informed of calls he has received on graffiti that has been appearing in many areas. He publically asked all residents to become more aware and to call 911 should they see any problems. He added that, as it is a violation of Village ordinance, residents should also call 911 when any activity is noticed in the parks after dark.

Comm. Cox

Told he has been speaking with a playground equipment company (New Toys) on some new items for the two (2) parks and that there would be need for additional timbers and more gravel. On this too, he reported that some cleanup needs to be done at the Gardner Street park (general cleanup, weeds removed, pump house painting).

Comm. Cox (continued)

Again, because of problems experienced with Village water usage during the recent fire at The Riviera Restaurant and on water pressure regulations, told that because of this, the Fire Department will need procedure changes. He understands that the Fire District is to ask for a meeting with Village Board Members to talk this over. Conversation continued on procedures, the Village water supply, water stored in the tower, the length of time it can take for our water supply to be depleted and comments made at the previous Fire District meeting and by Chief Wilkey at an earlier Village Board Meeting.

Eng. Guy Christensen Not Present

Mayor Wise

Proclaimed September 17, 18 and 19, 2010 as Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus "Helping Citizens with Physical and Intellectual Disabilities" days in the Village and the Council accepted their request to conduct their annual Tootsie Roll fund-raising drive on these dates (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0)

Public Comment None

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:46 p.m. by Comm. Serena, seconded by Comm. Gerrish, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner