The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Dick Hileman at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2010 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Commissioners present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Bill Gerrish (Mayor Wise, absent). Also present: Scott Belt, Atty. All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

Minutes motion Serena/second Cox
October 25, 2010 roll vote: ayes 3, nays 0, pass 1 (Gerrish) absent 1

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

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

Correspondence None

Agenda

It was agreed that Executive Session would be considered after completion of all business.

Unfinished Business None

Attorney Belt No Report

Comm. Hileman

Told Mayor Wise is absent from this meeting due to health issues but should return for the next meeting.

Comm. Gerrish

Reported that Eng. Guy Christensen continues to secure another bid for work on the electrical boxes at the Water Treatment Plant. It is hoped this project can be completed this winter and expect to have more information at the next meeting.

Comm. Serena

Presented and motioned to accept IDOT Resolution (001R-2010) for Maintenance of Streets and Highways appropriating $4,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for street patching; Council agreed (motion Serena/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0).

Reported that the bus stop shelter has been completed and gave details that: rides are $3.00 each way, operation is Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 24-hour notice is encouraged but at this time there is flexibility, the bus operates anywhere in Grundy County, along with some other areas such as Joliet's Union Station, unemployment offices in both Joliet and Ottawa. He told there is intent to have a designated route in the future.

Comm. Cox

Displayed one of the Governor's Home Town Award signs and reminded there are three (3) signs, one (1) to be placed at the gazebo, the other two (2) will be installed at Village entrances.

Eng. Guy Christensen Absent

Mayor Wise Absent

Public Comment

Resident Tom Perkins mentioned that the Rt. 66 signage on the roadways is fading and needs to be repainted; Comm. Serena told he has noted the need for re-striping of certain streets and parking areas, so this, along with the Rt. 66 signage, will be looked into next spring.

Resident Mike Pokornicki brought up that at the last meeting, Comm. Cox was concerned with a map he said did not show his property being located within the TIF District, yet his property tax bill shows he is in it. He wanted to know why Comm. Cox asked this as the papers he had in-hand show another person as the owner of the property; he further asked Atty. Belt the amount he charged the Village for this research. Comm. Hileman felt that the issues of TIF boundaries in this area came up at the time he first attempted to have a tax rebate approved, with discussions concerning TIF monies and how/where they could be spent; at that time he had talked with TIF Atty. Tom Jacob, to discuss monies spent. He also commented on information received from Atty. Jacob, monies spent on So. Jackson St. (curb and gutter, roads, generator). He explained that a $150,000 IL First Grant was received, allowing these monies to be used for storm sewer work. Atty. Belt briefly outlined information on the TIF District, created in 1986, both real estate and sales tax and that there have been at least two (2) amendments made to the boundary (can decrease, not increase).

Ida Schopp invited the Council and all residents to the Veterans' Day ceremony to be held at 11:00 a.m. on November 11 at the monument near the jail.

As properly noticed, at 7:23 p.m. Council Members agreed to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on employment, compensation, performance of specific employees, authorized pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act (motion Serena/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1). At 9:50 p.m. regular session was reconvened (motion Serena/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 1).

Council Members were in agreement that a Special Village Board Meeting be called on Saturday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose to enter into executive session to discuss employment, compensation, performance of specific employees, authorized pursuance to Section 2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act.

As there was no further business brought before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:52 p.m. by Comm. Serena, seconded by Comm. Gerrish, all present in agreement.

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Barbara S. Bexson, Clerk
Village of Gardner