VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2010

The regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board was called to order by Mayor Tom Wise at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2010 in the Village Hall Council Chambers. All Commissioners present: Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. Also present: John Bates, Atty., Guy Christensen, Eng. All then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accepted were:

#	**Minutes**	
	November 8, 2010	motion Hileman/second Gerrish roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0, pass 1 (Wise)
	November 13, 2010 (Special Meeting)	motion Gerrish/second Cox roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
#	**Financial Report** Month of November 2010	motion Hileman/second Cox roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
#	**Bill Payment**	motion Gerrish/second Serena roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0
#	**Additional Bill Payments** Rub Ford ($1,506.51)-Intergov.Agreement Rub Ford ($ 376.96)-Fuel pump/truck Rub Ford ($ 330.82)-Truck tires	motion Hileman/second Serena roll vote: ayes 4, nays 0

Correspondence None

Agenda

Tax Levy: As he had requested and as no one had gotten back to him with any changes to this ordinance, Comm. Hileman suggested that the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2010 and Ending April 30, 2011 (Ord. No. 006-2010), be adopted with no changes from the previous year. Council agreed (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Comm. Hileman next suggested that the ordinance to abate certain taxes levied by the Village in connection with the issuance of $210,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alt. Rev. Source) Series 1997 (Ord. No. 007-2010) be approved. Council agreed (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

The meeting schedule for both the Village Council and the Planning & Zoning Board for calendar year 2011 was presented and accepted (motion Serena/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). Unless otherwise noted, these continue with the Village Council meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the Planning & Zoning Board meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Council accepted Gardner Grade School=s request for the Village Hall to be utilized as a media gathering location in the event of a school crisis (motion Serena/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

For the annual outdoor holiday home decorating contest, Council members agreed to awards of $100/first place, $75.00/second place and $50.00/third place (motion Serena/second Hileman; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Unfinished Business None

Attorney Bates

After first referring to the copy of the road use agreement with ComEd he had sent to all Council Members, recognized Jeff Hettrick of ComEd. Mr. Hettrick explained the need to raise the height of the transmission towers in many areas and the process being done to complete this project. He pointed out the necessity for a very large crane (80 ton) to be brought in, requiring the use of Village roadways to access the tower areas. He noted the existing franchise agreement allowing ComEd to operate within the Village for operation and maintenance of their facilities and also spoke of the bonding that ComEd has in place for coverage of damage to Village roadways. Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. spoke on inspection of those roads, both before and after this project. It was agreed that the Village will approve this agreement after review by Atty. Bates, who will make amendments as needed to assure any damages to Village roadways are immediately repaired at no cost to the Village and to include any professional fees incurred by the Village (motion Hileman/second Serena; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0). Comm. Serena extended thanks to Jeff for attending this meeting to further explain this project and respond to any questions and concerns.

Comm. Hileman

Recommended and Council agreed to the cancellation of the December 27 Board Meeting, with payment of bills to be made as needed and payments ratified at the next meeting. (motion Hileman/second Gerrish; roll vote: ayes 5, nays 0).

Comm. Gerrish no report

Comm. Serena

With recent bad weather and snowfall, asked residents to be patient and drive carefully while the Village employees are working to keep the roadways in good condition.

Comm. Cox

Reported that Nicholas= Nursery in Mazon had donated a tree; this has been planted to replace an evergreen at the berm area by the gazebo.

Provided all with a copy of a proposal letter from Patten Power Systems outlining services and cost breakdowns for testing and maintenance of the Village generators. After short conversation, it was agreed that all would look over this information for discussion at the next meeting.

Mentioned concern for the condition of the fence/gate surrounding the generator on S. Jackson St.

Told work for the electrical outlet for the street car has been completed and that the Governor=s Home Town Award signs have been installed.

Eng. Guy Christensen

Brought up weed spraying at the railroad ditch by Mug-A-Bug which should be addressed in February and March. After Comm. Cox commented on the continuing problem with cattails, told that fall was the best time to spray. Some talk continued on these problems and the possibility of employing a service for removal.

Mayor Wise

Reported street light outages, one on Liberty Street near Jules Antiques and two in the Depot Street parking lot. As these are Village-owned, information will be given to the maintenance department for handling. Jeff Hettrick reminded that any resident can call directly to ComEd to report any problems with their street lights.

Public Comment

Fire Chief Wilkey thanked the Village for its help during the recent house fire on Main Street.

Resident Tom Perkins presented and detailed the history of the wood planes and pictures he was given by Dale ASwede@ Larson which are now being donated to the Village for display. He suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Larson, thanking him for this gift. It was also suggested that the Village consider purchasing additional cabinets to display the ever-increasing number of memorabilia items being donated.

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