VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2011

Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Tom Wise called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call-Commissioners Gary Cox, Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish. Also in attendance were Attorney Scott Belt and Guy Christensen from Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 22, 2010 were presented. Serena moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Cox. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Pass; Hileman, Gerrish. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 13, 2010 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written; Comm. Cox asked that the electrical to street car be corrected to electrical for Girl Scout Christmas tree and the adjournment time be corrected from 9:52 to 7:52. Second by Serena. Roll call-ayes; Serena, Cox, Hileman, Gerrish, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

The financial report for the month of December, 2010 was presented. Hileman moved to approve the financial report, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Hileman, Gerrish, and Wise. Nays; none, Motion carried.

The ratified bills for December 28, 2010 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the ratified bills, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Hileman, Gerrish, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

The current bills for January 10, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of current bills, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Hileman, Gerrish, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

There were no comments, or unfinished business at this board meeting.

Attorney Belt had no report.

Comm. Hileman reported to council that he would probably be moving money from Savings accounts to CD's due to interest rates.

Comm. Gerrish reported that they are painting at the water plant and getting necessary maintenance done, hopes that the lack of water leaks continues.

Comm. Serena reported that a part broke on one of the trucks, a local man was able to fix it and that he was easy to work with and very reasonable. Expressed concern about the residents understanding that while plowing snow it needed to be pushed back off the roads to maintain the condition of the streets.

Comm. Cox asked what the status is regarding the old Mels, Mayor Wise explained he has been in contact with the owner, the new owner's son had some medical issues, but have cleaned it up somewhat. Has heard from Com Ed. regarding the emergency siren, they are emailing him a contract. Com Ed does maintain the siren, as they have extra parts. He will have more information at the next meeting. Questioned time as commissioner, is the position 24/7 or only while at meetings or other official functions. Short discussion followed with Scott Belt informing them that there isn't anything in statue or open meetings act. Asked Atty. Belt for additional information regarding the state ethics statue we adopted. Inquired if we needed to put the hiring of Jeff James on the agenda, discussion followed explaining that had already been done in open session after executive session, and it was decided Village of Gardner would hire Jeff James to assist with water testing and scheduling at figure discussed.

Eng. Christensen explained State of Illinois Emerald Ash Borer Compliance agreement is asking us to follow rules regarding ash trees. Recommended we get more information from them, and follow procedures regarding cutting, burning or disposing of Ash trees as the borers have been spotted in the outlining areas.

Clerk Pasternak mentioned a call from Art Kraus regarding ordinance with Village of Gardner and Kraus Cable. Comm. Serena asked Atty. Belt if he was looking into this. Atty. Belt explained he needs additional information from council as to what they want contract to include. Comm. Hileman said he will go to surrounding villages and get copies of their ordinances/contracts, and they will discuss at future meeting.

Mayor Wise asked if there were any reports of street lights out.

There were no public comments tonight.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner