February 28, 2011

Monday, February 28, 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 Mike Serena, Dick Hileman, Bill Gerrish, Gary Cox, Mayor Wise. Also in attendance was Attorney Scott Belt.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 15, 2010 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Gerrish, Hileman and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for February 28, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of current bills, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish, Cox and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Ed Fellows, representing GSWHS school board, spoke to the Village Board regarding the $670,000 Building Bond explaining why it is needed and what will be repaired. Discussion between the school board and the village board followed. Mayor Wise thanked the school board for coming. Comm. Cox questioned Mayor Wise on the status of the Old Mels. Mayor Wise told him some vehicles have been moved, a sign stating cars are for sale is now up. He will keep on top of them. Comm Cox then asked the status on Kellogg, and what Comm. Hileman and Mr. Rankovich had gone to Michigan for, he was told they did not go to Michigan and the sale of Kellogg is still pending.

Attorney Belt reported he is still working on the draft of the ordinance requiring knox boxes, he is still researching pricing. Mr. Wilkey told him the Fire District already has an ordinance in place if he would like a copy, along with a copy of the application for knox boxes which contains prices. Mr. Wilkey was told to send the information on to Attorney Belt, and was thanked.

Comm. Hileman presented the annual motor fuel tax audit. Comm. Cox asked if he could review the audit before he voted. After his review Hileman moved that the annual motor fuel tax audit be accepted. Second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Gerrish, Hileman and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Comm. Gerrish had no report.

Comm. Serena had no report.

Comm. Cox passed out a copy of an email from John Vistine from Fulton Technologies explaining that the siren is updated and ready to be utilized. Comm. Cox explained the siren is connected and ready to be tested on March 1, 2011 at 10:00 am. Discussion followed with Hileman making the motion that discussion/acceptance of the contract for the ComEd siren is tabled till after the test on March 1, 2011, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Gerrish, Hileman, and Wise. Nays; Cox. Motion carried. Comm. Cox then questioned Attorney Belt about the wording for the tax abatement ordinance. Attorney Belt explained that due to the fact that the last meeting was a special meeting and the item discussed was reasonably related to what was identified on the agenda it was done legally. Comm. Cox brought up the fact that it is possible not all residents will get the free month of water due to them being renters in multi unit dwellings. He also mentioned that 415 W. Jefferson still has some issues, Mayor Wise and Comm. Hileman told how they were both called at 1:30 am due to the rain and flooding in the building. Mayor Wise met Mr. Panagiotaras and Steve Baker at 415 W. Jefferson to view flooding problem. Comm. Cox opened discussion regarding tax rates, TIF and Levy money. Comm. Hileman will request that someone from Jacob & Klein come to the next board meeting to help explain.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise reported Gardner-South Wilmington High School has asked for a donation to help with the April 30th prom lock-in, and a $100.00 donation for the banner at the Panther Baseball field. Gardner Grade School Parent Teacher Group also asked for a donation to benefit the Spring Fling event.

Serena motioned that the Village of Gardner give $500.00 to prom lock-in, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Gerrish, Hileman and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Serena motioned that the Village of Gardner donate $100.00 for the Panther Baseball banner, second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Gerrish, Hileman and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Hileman motioned that the Village of Gardner donate $100.00 to GGS Parent Teacher Group for the Spring Fling Event, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Cox, Gerrish, Hileman, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Gerry Von Qualen questioned whether anyone had found out anything regarding the ethics officer yet. Attorney Belt and Mayor Wise told him they were still looking into it and the information would be passed on.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Gerrish, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner