March 14, 2011

Monday, March 14, 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 Bill Gerrish, Dick Hileman, Mike Serena, Gary Cox, Mayor Wise. Also in attendance were Guy Christensen, Robert Schmude from Chamlin & Associates, and Attorney Scott Belt.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The current bills for March 14, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of current bills, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Mayor Wise presented the comprehensive plan and zoning map as recommended by Planning and Zoning, as there were no questions, Hileman made motion to accept the comprehensive plan and zoning map, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt reported he mailed the drafts of the ordinances requiring Knox boxes, and ejector pits. He informed the board that the plumbing inspector should read the ejector pit ordinance to see if he has anything to include. Comm. Hileman questioned why there were no prices included on the ordinance for Knox boxes, and also voiced concerns he has received from businesses regarding the price, and who would be in charge of the keys. Discussion followed regarding various concerns, including storage units, EMS calls, compliance time for business owners, and security alarms. Ordinances were tabled till later date. Comm. Cox questioned Attorney Belt about 3 hour bill on February 14th when that meeting was canceled, Attorney Belt explained it was for a meeting in relation to the old Brownie factory.

Comm. Hileman explained how he was the one responsible for the letter from Tom Jacobs, he had requested that it be faxed to us, he had copies made and put in commissioner's mail boxes. Reported that we have received a letter from Tom Jacobs explaining how the village as well as the taxing bodies were over paid and need to repay Grundy County. Informed the board that after 12 years on the board we have not had any problems with items missing, however in the last 4 months things have come up missing, and reminded the board that proper procedures need to be followed.

Comm. Gerrish had no report.

Comm. Serena reported that 2 weeks ago he had Steve and Jim trim a few trees, a few more still need to be done. There are a few streets that need to be cold patched. He is purchasing some new type of cold patch which stays pliable longer and will be worth the price of $100 a ton.

Comm. Cox questioned if everyone heard the siren on March 1st? Attorney Belt updated the board with information he received from Jerry DeYoung from Exelon, explaining that while this siren is old it has been well maintained and is compatible with the new system. He also explained how Fulton Technologies comes very highly recommended by Exelon, and that the siren would be in constant communication with Fulton so if any problems did arise Fulton would know right away. Hileman made motion to accept the contract for the siren, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried. Attorney belt recommended that the village hold off on the maintenance contract until he could check with Exelon and make sure the refurbish will include a one year warranty. Comm. Cox inquired if anyone from Tom Jacobs would be coming, Comm. Hileman informed him that none of them could make it.

Clerk Pasternak read a letter from Gardner Grade School Parent Teacher Group thanking the village for their $100 donation to Spring Fling. Comm. Serena commented on what an excellent job the PTG had done, and that there was a very nice turn out for the event.

Mayor Wise reported that the garbage had been cleaned up on Jackson Street.

Eric Fosnaugh asked if the village had received all of the border agreements back, board explained that the only one they had received was from Dwight, Mazon has questions about theirs with Morris so it is on the back burner, South Wilmington wants to wait, and Braceville hasn't come back with anything yet.

Comm. Serena asked if we could notify the schools about the new siren, Attorney Belt said he will let Clerk Pasternak know when the refurbish has been completed so she can notify the schools.

Mike Pokornicki presented a letter to Comm. Cox pertaining to the ownership of his residence, and having the owner occupied exemption removed from his tax bill. Mr. Pokornicki also questioned why Comm. Cox would ask

Attorney Belt to investigate the location of his home within the TIF district when he was already aware of the fact it was in the TIF District

Mayor Wise recognized Attorney John Bates and congratulated him on his new position as Grundy County States Attorney.

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 7:55 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner