March 28, 2011

Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:04 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 Robert Schmude from Chamlin & Associates, and Attorney Scott Belt.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The current bills for March 28, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of current bills with the exception of the Nicor bill for the water plant. There are some things he wants to check on before paying that bill. Second by Serena. Roll call - Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt presented the recommendation by the planning and zoning board by 6 – 0 vote to approve the application for zoning text amendment of section 15.15.275(B) of the Village of Gardner Zoning Code to include heavy equipment recycling facilities as a conditional permitted use in an M-2 (Manufacturing) District. Hileman made motion to adopt ordinance to amend zoning text, second by Serena. Gerrish stated: before I vote I just want to say it is good news to have someone come into Gardner instead of leaving, I commend everyone who worked so hard to keep the building from being torn down. Roll call - Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt presented the recommendation by the planning and zoning board by 6 – 0 vote to approve and grant the zoning map amendment to M-2 (Manufacturing) zoning district at 423-424 Industry Avenue (Kellogg) and Maher Road Properties. Hileman made motion to adopt ordinance granting zoning map amendment related to real properties 423-424 Industry Avenue (Kellogg) and Maher Road, second by Serena. Roll call – Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt presented the recommendation by the planning and zoning board by 6 – 0 vote to approve the application for conditional permitted use to allow for the operation of a heavy equipment recycling facility at 423-424 Industry Avenue (Kellogg) and Maher Road. Hileman made motion to adopt ordinance approving the conditional permitted use, second by Gerrish. Roll call – Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt presented the recommendation by the planning and zoning board by 6 – 0 vote to approve the minor subdivision plat lot split of property commonly known as 424 Industry Avenue. Hileman made motion to adopt ordinance approving the minor subdivision plat lot split, second by Serena. Roll call – Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt presented the recommendation by the planning and zoning board by 6 – 0 vote to approve the ordinance granting the zoning variance of rear-yard setback in an M-2 (Manufacturing) zone from thirty (30) feet to ten (10) feet resulting in a twenty (20) foot rear-yard variance. Hileman made motion to adopt ordinance approving the rear-yard zoning variance, second by Gerrish. Roll call – Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Terry Marketti commented how the project couldn't have taken place without the help of Nancy from the Grundy County Economic Development Council; everything went smoothly with her help. Without Dean Rankovich keeping an eye on things the building would have been torn down. This sends a nice message to people that Gardner is willing to work with new businesses.

Nancy spoke to the council letting them know that it is rare in this economic climate how Joe came here just wanting to be a good neighbor and didn't ask for anything, and thanked Joe and the council for working together.

Mayor Wise thanked Joe for coming to Gardner, welcomed him to the community.

Comm. Hileman thanked everyone who helped get Joe here, commented how people thought Dean Rankovich overstepped his bounds but would rather keep a business here in town rather than blank ground.

Comm. Serena welcomed Joe to Gardner let him know he thinks it is great that he has come to Gardner.

Joe Vinachi thanked everyone, let council know that everyone has been fantastic to work with and he will do his best to make sure everyone stays happy; he is very excited about the move.

Mayor Wise informed the board that although Skip Kraus was on the agenda he was not able to be here.

Pat Malinowski asked the board for permission to solicit on May 6th and 7th for the Lions Tootsie Pop days. Hileman made motion that the Lions be allowed to solicit, second by Serena. Roll call – Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Ida Schopp presented a plaque given to Tracy Mulvey who along with Ida was voted man and woman of the year for sesquicentennial. The plaque and clock are being donated to Gardner in remembrance of Tracy. Hileman made motion that both the plaque and clock are donated from Ida Schopp and Tracy Mulvey to the Village of Gardner and never to be disposed of unless there is damage from a storm or fire, second by Gerrish. Roll call – Ayes; Gerrish, Hileman, Serena, Cox, and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt had no report.

Comm. Hileman had no report.

Comm. Gerrish had no report.

Comm. Serena reported that the cold patch still hasn't come in but as soon as it does he will have Steve and Jim fix the pot holes.

Comm. Cox questioned where we stood on the Com Ed siren contract. Attorney Belt informed him that it has been signed and sent to Com Ed but not returned to us yet.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise thanked the Zoning Board for their help bringing a new business to Gardner.

Mike Pokornicki informed the board that he filed a complaint against Gary Cox for misuse of funds; he presented the papers that were sent to both the States Attorney and the Attorney General's office which explained why. He also presented an article from the Morris Dailey Herald pertaining to Gardner Beautification Committee and receipts for purchases. He wished everyone good luck in the upcoming election.

Don Phillips questioned Comm. Cox regarding his campaign literature and what his involvement was pertaining to the annual tree lighting. Comm. Cox explained that the first two years he was chairman of beautification committee and laid out the whole thing and every year he has lit the tree. Mr. Phillips questioned due to the fact he has received some calls from people over the last two weeks and they had not been contacted by Comm. Cox so he wanted to verify his responsibilities. Mr. Phillips also questioned Gardner Clean up, and when it went into existence. Comm. Cox stated they started Gardner Clean Up in 2007; it was in existence but it was not utilized prior to 2007. Mr. Phillips wanted to clarify the year due to the fact that Gardner Clean Up removed the debris from his bathroom remodel in 2006.

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 7:25 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner