**April 25, 2011**

Monday, April 25, 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, Mayor Wise. Commissioner Cox Absent. Also in attendance were Guy Christensen from Chamlin & Associates, and Attorney Scott Belt.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of April 11, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Hileman and Wise. Pass; Gerrish. Nays; none. Motion carried.

The current bills for April 25, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of current bills, second by Gerrish. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Comm. Gerrish made motion to wave the 5% water/sewer rate increase for 2011/2012, second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Atty. Belt had no report.

Comm. Hileman reported on some problems with the bank and our Treasurer with our savings accounts that we have worked out. He went back just a few years and with our last financial statement we are sitting closely with 2.5 million. Comm. Hileman explained the amount spent on streets was approximately 1,000,100.00, on water lines was approximately 900,000.00, and the storage shed was about 16,000.00. He explained that we have abated the bonds for the last 11 years, the sewer bond was paid off 3 years ago, and if interest rates don't get better he may be paying off the water bond. Comm. Hileman may be moving about $400,000 to a CD, he explained that the rates aren't very good but they are better than a savings account.

Comm. Gerrish said that tonight was his last full meeting, and it has been a pleasure working with everyone on the board for the last four (4) years. He feels that they have gotten a lot accomplished, knows that they would have liked to do more but it wasn't always possible. He thanked everyone and let them know that he enjoyed being on the board with them and he would be around town if they needed his help.

Comm. Serena explained how the Beautification committee would like to close the parking lot, and have the Village place up barricades for the 5K walk/run on May 7. He went over start times and the route for the walk/run, which will be the same as last year. Comm. Serena made motion that the committee be allowed to use the parking lot and streets. Second by Hileman. Roll call-ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.
Mayor Wise asked if they would need any picnic tables, Ida Schopp said yes about 6 or 7. Ida then explained everything the committee will have at the gazebo on May 7, and reminded everyone that they are taking orders for flowers.

Comm. Cox absent.

Engineer Christensen reported that he was still waiting on pricing from Mug a Bug, and as soon as he receives it he will report to the board. He explained that he and Comm. Serena had gone out and inspected the roads after ComEd was finished, they compared the before and after pictures and found that there was no damage that ComEd needed to repair. He recommended that they take out any Village costs and return the balance of the bond. Comm. Serena explained the Village didn't have any costs except for the Legal and Engineering fees.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise had no report.

Tom Perkins passed out copies of the new Rt. 66 brochure, and explained that they were trying to finish up the street car before Red Corridor Weekend. He asked the board to think about the location of the stairs at the street car. Mr. Perkins said that if he could get a few people out there to look at the overhang that would help. He informed the board that the stone cutter will be getting in touch with them regarding setting up and displaying his craft during the Red Corridor Weekend.

Pat Malinowski informed the board that the Lions club needed to change the date of the Tootsie Pop Days from May 6th and 7th to April 29th and 30th due to lack of man power.

Tom Perkins asked if it would be possible to get the road decals for Rt. 66 put on before May 7th.

Don Phillips thanked Bill Gerrish and Gary Cox for their cooperation with the media the last 4 years.

At 7:12 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on employment, compensation, performance of specific employees, authorized pursuant to Section (2)(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act, second Serena. Roll call-ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.



At 7:45 p.m., Hileman made motion to reconvene, second Serena; roll call-ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to give the Village Clerk a $1.00 per hour raise and 2 personal days. Second by Serena. Roll call-ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Wise. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wise recommended the board reappoint Planning and Zoning members Eric Fosnaugh and Todd Perkins, with the recommendation that the planning and zoning board select the chairman. Comm. Hileman made motion to reappoint, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes; Serena, Hileman, Gerrish and Wise. Nays; none. Motion carried.

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 7:48 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner