June 13, 2011

Monday, June 13, 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, Jim Hibler, Gary Riley and Mayor Wise. Also in attendance were Attorney Scott Belt and Guy Christensen with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of May 9, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 6, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried

The minutes of June 9, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried

The Financial Report for the month of May was presented. Hibler moved to approve the financial report for the month of May, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The ratified bills for May and the current bills for June were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hileman, Hibler, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to wait until the end of the meeting to go into executive session, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hileman, Hibler, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Attorney Belt reported on the disagreement between the Village of Gardner and Grundy County regarding Main Street. Attorney Belt gave the board some background information with discussion following regarding possible solutions. The Board let Attorney Belt know that progress in solving this needed to move forward so that hopefully Dollar General could start building. However, the Village does not want to take jurisdiction of Main Street, thereby becoming responsible for the maintenance of the road.

Comm. Hileman made motion to transfer $4,000 from General fund to Garbage fund, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman explained the request by Subway for a 10" water line and 15" sewer line extension to run from PLM to the Conger property. Comm. Hileman made motion to spend up to $45,000 toward the water and sewer line extensions as long as they get an agreement from the developer that the developer would pay the first $15,000 second by Hibler. Roll call-ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to transfer $20,000 from the General Fund to IMRF, second by Riley. Roll call-ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hibler reported that Pro Pump was working on the panel at the lift station, Comm. Hileman informed the board that they would be done with the work on Tuesday. Comm. Hibler also brought the condition of the posts supporting the panels at the lagoons to the board's attention. Mr. Christensen informed the board that he had spoken with "D" Construction and they agreed to do the repairs for $2,500 to $3,000 per panel, this would be new posts and bases.

Comm. Serena discussed getting a maintenance utility vehicle, explaining that it was similar to a golf cart but had a dump on the back. Discussion followed regarding the addition of decaling, safety lights, and possible uses for the vehicle. Comm. Serena made motion to purchase a utility vehicle not to exceed $3,500, second by Hileman. Roll call-ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Serena also reported that a 24×24 reflective sign would cost about $32, but the decals would be around $14. He is hoping to combine orders with some of the surrounding Villages, and possibly getting a better price for all the Villages.

Comm. Riley had no report.

Guy Christensen reported that Mug a Bug sprayed the ditches on June 6, 2011, and will look at doing the cattails in the fall.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise had no report.

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Mr. Ray Serena thanked the Village Board for the month of free water, and commented how it was really appreciated by the residents of Gardner. He also made comment how he feels that even though it will cost more it would be better for the residents if Dollar General would bore under Main Street instead of cut it open and patch it when tying on to the sewer line. Mr. Serena also asked the Village Board to consider getting rid of the fees to turn on and off the water for seniors who leave the Village for the winter. Discussion with the board followed on why we have the fees; the board also let Mr. Serena know that there are times when the fee is waived.

Mrs. Serena informed the board that she was glad to see a board who all worked together.

Ida Schopp asked the board if the Beautification Committee could have permission to go through the items in the spare room which are to be placed in the new cabinets, she was told that it would not be a problem.

Comm. Serena informed the board that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday with FEMA, and will be trying to get 75% of our costs back from the February snow storm.

At 8:07 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 Hibler. Roll call-ayes: Serena, Hileman, Hibler, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 9:35 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Serena. Roll call-ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Serena made motion that the person agreed upon on general consensus be hired after return of their application, and the passing of a background check and drug test, second by Hileman. Roll call-ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Serena, seconded by Comm. Hileman, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
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