July 11, 2011

Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7:05 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, Jim Hibler, Gary Riley and Mayor Wise. Commissioner Hileman Absent. Also in attendance was Guy Christensen from Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of June 27, 2011 were presented. Serena moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for July 11, 2011 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of current bills, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Atty. Belt Absent.

Comm. Hileman Absent.

Comm. Hibler had no report.

Comm. Serena reported that Guy Christensen and he would be getting together and researching which streets in town need repairs, and then a decision would be made regarding repairs.

Comm. Riley reported that within the next two (2) weeks he will again be meeting with the Beautification committee. He also reported that last week he spent a day driving around town noting the homes with either tall grass or abandoned vehicles, letters have been sent and progress is being made in cleaning things up.

Engineer Christensen had no report.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise asked Don Phillips for clarification on street lights out, Don reported that the one by his home was still flickering, but the one by Huston's Hardware was out.

Tom Perkins reported to the board the progress on the Street Car, noting that after putting up 6 sheets of plywood the roof would then be ready for the rubber membrane roofing material, which appears to be in limbo right now, but he will be calling on it. He also reported that the steps are almost complete. Mr. Perkins let the board know that if they wanted to put in the plaque and the evergreens he could work around both. He also mentioned the condition of the outside wall at the post office, and the weeds in the drive through, and that people are dumping things down on Ida Lane.

Mayor Wise recognized Pat Malinowski for her help with the Rt. 66 motor tour. Tom Perkins mentioned that the most talked about item in Sweden is Rt. 66, and that people have requested a couple of picnic tables over at the Jail/Street Car.

Ida Schopp explained that she purchased eight (8) evergreen bushes as a gift from the Beautification committee and more can be purchased if needed.

Comm. Serena asked Mr. Perkins if he has considered a way to secure the Street Car. Discussion followed about possibilities, with Mr. Perkins noting that so far we have been lucky at the Jail and there is very little trouble.

Don Phillips asked if it would be possible to serve the concessions out of the Street Car at the Veterans ceremony, we have had about 200 people present the last couple of years.

Linda Tyler expressed her disappointment with Kraus cable and their service. She asked if the Village could call them and speak to them. Comm. Serena asked her to keep a log of days and times when she is without cable, she informed him she has been, and he explained the severe weather up north today may have been part of the problem.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Serena seconded by Comm. Riley, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner