August 8, 2011

Monday, August 8, 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 Dick Hileman, Mike Serena, Gary Riley, Jim Hibler and Mayor Wise. Also in attendance were Guy Christensen and Robert Schmude from Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hileman recognized Mayor Wise on his 65th Birthday.

The minutes of July 25, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for August 8, 2011 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of current bills, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

AGENDA – Don Johnson Branch Manager for Standard Bank presented the plans for Night on the Town which will be September 27, 2011 from 5 pm to 8 pm. A few changes will be made this year which include, the vendors contacting the contest winners and no shuttle bus. The Village Board thanked Mr. Johnson for sponsoring Night on the Town.

Discussion of Ordinance creating Section 5.10.010 of the Gardner Municipal Code (overhead sewers) was tabled until the next meeting so Comm. Hibler and Comm. Riley can look it over.

Atty. Belt absent.

Comm. Hileman informed the board that per our audit the finances are ok but some of the Village costs will be going up in the near future. He explained how the pension rate will increase to 10.35% in 2012, the cost of chemicals to spray mosquitoes, and salt for the water plant have gone up. Therefore, since the economy doesn't look good, if we can cut back on the allocated money we should do it. Comm. Hileman doesn't want to put items back on property taxes, or raise the water and sewer rates. He explained that even though more money will be coming due at the end of the month CD rates are not good right now.

Comm. Hibler had no report.

Comm. Serena reported that Guy Christensen had given him a list and they would be going over it to see which streets really needed to be done and which ones can wait. He also received a map marking out the TIF area and which streets needed repair within that area.

Comm. Riley informed the Board that he had an estimate of $800, for painting the shelter at the Jefferson street park from G&P Painting which includes: power washing, removal of graffiti, scrape, prime as needed and painting of the shelter in green, blue and yellow. Comm. Riley said the Beautification committee would pay the labor if the Village of Gardner would supply the paint. Motion was made to supply the paint for the shelter not to exceed $200.00, so moved by Comm. Hileman, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman reported back on Subway and Dollar General, stating that as of now Mr. Christensen and Atty. Belt have done their work, the holdup is with Mr. Conger. Mr. Hooley is excited about getting started, but zoning issues still need to be resolved. Guy has filed paper work with EPA for the water line, so as soon as it is rezoned we can get going. Guy Christensen reported that the only thing he has not sent is the check for the sewer line; Comm. Hileman informed him that he would get that to him. Dollar General is putting their costs together since receiving storm sewer information from us.

Engineer Christensen had no report.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise reported that he had received a call from Fran Phillips regarding the cleanup of tree limbs and a tree in her yard. Discussion followed on whether or not the tree was on Village property or her property. He informed the board that Kraus Cable had found a problem over by the gazebo and fixed it. Mayor Wise asked if there were any street lights out Mr. Don Phillips replied that he thought the light in front of Huston Hardware was flickering.

Mr. Ray Serena addressed the board regarding the old Tri-Oil property and asked if they had a sales tax number, if they are supposed to be or are they listed as a sales lot, and if so why isn't someone there a set number of hours per day each week. Mr. Serena felt that this may be a way for the Village to get that property cleaned up, and that the Village needs to get a lot of the properties in town cleaned up. He also expressed concern over Village liability if anyone hit the landscaping which is in the Village easement of the tree service property. Mr. Serena voiced his feelings regarding the Village making donations with the current economy and rising costs.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Serena, seconded by Comm. Hibler, 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