August 22, 2011

Monday, August 22, 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 from Chamlin & Associates and Attorney Scott Belt.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The current bills for August 22, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of current bills, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

AGENDA –

Comm. Hileman asked if Commissioners Hibler and Riley had a chance to look over the ordinance creating Section 5.10.010 of the Gardner Municipal Code (overhead sewers) both advised they had. As there were no questions, Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the ordinance creating Section 5.10.010 of the Gardner Municipal Code, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Atty. Belt reported on the new reflectivity law going into effect, and pressed that the Village needs to get a plan in place by January 2012. Discussion followed with questions from the Commissioners regarding exactly what needs to be included in the plan, and what has to be done to be compliant by 2012. Atty. Belt suggested that due to the fact there are so many regulations one person should be appointed to become familiar with the rules and regulations. Atty. Belt then listed some items that the plan needs to include; an inventory, assessment of signs, how the Village plans to implement. Don Phillips told the board that the City of Naperville has purchased a meter for assessing the signs, he will find out if they are willing to rent or loan the meter to other municipalities. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a grant, and that Grundy County has the ability to include all municipalities within the county in that grant. Questions were raised on whether or not the Township or County were going to help pay for some of the signs, due to them receiving Motor Fuel Tax money for the roads. Comm. Hileman made motion for Atty. Belt to come back to the Village of Gardner with exactly what they will need to fulfill by 2012 to be compliant, and why the township and county are not helping to pay, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Atty. Belt then reminded the board that they need to get something in writing which spells out their rules for allowing the public to speak at all open meetings. Discussion followed with Atty. Belt clarifying the location of public comments on the agenda and public speaking at public hearings versus open meetings.

Comm. Hileman reported to the board a problem the Fire Protection District Board had using the copier at the Fire Department. Comm. Hileman gave some background to the board about past issues and solutions with the Grade school regarding the copier. To be fair to all taxing bodies, Comm. Hileman made motion that if a copier breaks down all other taxing bodies are able to use the Village copier for the price of the paper and $.02 per copy. Comm. Serena suggested that as long as the taxing body replaces the paper there is no additional charge. Comm. Hileman was good with that and changed the motion to read if a copier breaks down all other taxing bodies are able to use the Village copier for the replacement of the paper, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Next Comm. Hileman read the ordinance pertaining to refuse containers, and the times they can be put out and must be picked up by. He informed the board that when things happen the girls should not have to take the abuse, residents should find one of the Commissioners or the Mayor. He then explained the current issue with Tracy Lenzie, and that he had received information from Mr. Corneglio. The board asked Clerk Pasternak to put the refuse container rules on the next water bill.

Comm. Hibler reported that he will be meeting with Brian Hansen regarding getting the panels at the lagoon fixed.

Comm. Serena opened discussion regarding the upcoming street repairs, letting the board know that Guy Christensen needs to submit a form and letter for Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Comm. Hileman made motion for Motor Fuel Tax resolution to appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of $150,000.00, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Hileman asked that when an amount was known for the street repair in TIF to please let him know. Comm. Serena informed the board that he had gone around town looked at the

signs, and since all of our signs are old, he wants to include in the Village plan to just replace or re-vinyl them all.

Comm. Riley reported to the board that letters for weeds, grass and abandoned cars have been going out, and people are complying. He will continue to stay on top of the situation.

Engineer Christensen had no report.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise asked if there were any street lights out Mr. Don Phillips replied no.

At 8:15 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, and discussion on probable or imminent litigation pursuant to Section (2)(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act, second Riley. Roll call-ayes: Serena, Hileman, Hibler, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 9:27 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. Hileman made motion that effective Monday August 29, 2011 Denice Muzzarelli be given a 2% raise, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Wise reported that the Lady Lions had asked him for a $50 donation for their car show which they will be holding Saturday August 27, 2011. As this request is not on the agenda, and a donation was not made to the other car show being held in town on the same night, in order to keep things fair the board declined.

Additional discussion followed pertaining to the need for rules to be in place regarding public speaking at open meetings.

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 9:35 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner