September 26, 2011

Monday, September 26, 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 September 12, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Pass: Serena. Motion carried.

The current bills for September 26, 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 –

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning board zoning map amendment for the Conger property located at Gardner Rd. and IL Rt. 53 from R1 to B2 second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board regarding the Preliminary Plat for the Conger property located at Gardner Rd. and IL Rt. 53, Atty. Belt recommended that both the Preliminary Plat and the Final Plat be approved as one item as they are combined on the same ordinance. Discussion followed with Atty. Belt explaining the percentages the benefiting properties will be responsible for in the water and sewer recapture agreement. PLM being the biggest benefiting property at 70%, lot 1 Subway is already committed to $15,000, lot 2 10.73% and lot 3 19.43% of the total construction cost for the water and sewer extension. Atty. Bruce Zumstein explained additional costs with the sale of lot 1 to Subway and that his client is prepared to pay for the needed ingress/egress driveway, a fire hydrant at lot 3 and future driveway costs, but he stressed the need for Atty. Belt, Guy Christensen and Himself to get together and go over water and sewer extension costs in relation to his client and the Village of Gardner. Additional discussion followed with Comm. Hileman explaining that the Village was committed to bringing Subway to the Village of Gardner, and they were prepared to pay up to $60,000 for the water and sewer extension and recoup some of the Village's money when lots 2 and 3 were sold. Following discussion an agreement to put the water and sewer extension out for bid so all parties had solid numbers to work with was made. Comm. Serena second the motion on the table to approve the Planning and Zoning recommendation regarding the Preliminary and Final Plat for the Conger property. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the open house of the Village Conference room on October 22, 2011 from 2 pm to 4 pm second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the use of the street car for serving concessions after the Veteran's Day celebration second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Serena made motion to approve the citizen participation at public meetings ordinance, with no discussion Comm. Hileman second. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ray Serena questioned the board on records he was unable to obtain with his FOIA request to Village Hall, discussion followed regarding former clerk Bexson, records that she admitted shredding, the payment she received when retiring for sick, personal and vacation days, Comm. Hileman explained that Mrs. Bexson was taken at her word regarding time due her for sick, personal and vacation days. Mr. Serena questioned where records are stored, who authorized the disposal of the records and if any information was found regarding Joe Bexon's retirement package. Clerk Pasternak explained that some items from 1995 to 1999 are at village hall, but that no minutes were found regarding a retirement package to Mr. Bexson. Dean Rankovich questioned whether records he had requested after his election are still available; Comm. Hileman and Clerk Pasternak explained that while some items are available, that most invoices and all bank statements and cancelled checks for the time requested are not available. Mr. Rankovich requested that on behalf of the residents of Gardner, the Village Board prosecute for the illegally destroyed records. Mr. Serena also questioned the status of Main Street, Comm. Hileman and Atty. Belt explained that things are moving along.

Atty. Belt reported on the possible changes to the retroreflectivity regulations, and recommended that the Village take a wait and see attitude for right now. Comm. Serena reminded the board that the original rules required that a plan be in place by January 2012 and that the Village already has a pretty good idea of how they are going to implement the necessary changes.

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Comm. Hileman reported that he had the Clerk and Deputy Clerk place a follow up call to Dollar General and that Dollar General is still very interested in coming to Gardner, but they are looking into information received from Guy Christensen regarding the storm sewer and the need for the easement to be cleaned up on Main Street at the Tree Services property. Mayor Wise requested that Clerk Pasternak send a letter to them asking them to remove the items within (5) five days from the right of way.

Comm. Hibler reported that he had received a quote to replace the control panel posts at the sewer plant, as this was already approved Comm. Hibler was told to go ahead and have the work done.

Discussion followed regarding the water main on S. Pine Street, Guy Christensen explained that this was original pipe and that it ran both outside and under the roadway, he recommended that they consider increasing the size of the pipe from 4" to 6" where needed, and he estimated that it would run about $75,000 to replace the water line. Comm. Hibler made motion that Mr. Christensen put out for bid the replacement of the water line on S. Pine Street second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Serena had no report but questioned Guy Christensen if there was any type of future lines coming off Main St., Mr. Christensen reported he believed some future lines come off Main St. but he does not recall any lines being replaced along Pine Street.

Comm. Riley reported that the painting of the pavilion was completed at the Jefferson St. Park.

Engineer Christensen had no additional report.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise had no report but asked if there were any street lights out, it was reported that the light at Jefferson and Railroad was out.

Ida Shoppe presented a picture frame which included pictures of past Mayors to the Village of Gardner as a gift from the Beautification Committee.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner