October 24, 2011

Monday, October 24, 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 26, 2011 were presented. Serena 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 September was presented. Hileman moved to approve the financial report as presented, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The ratified bills for October 10, 2011 and current bills for October 24, 2011 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills with the exception of three (3) bills, NFPA, Grundy County Chamber of Commerce and Attorney Scott Belt second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

AGENDA – Mr. George Boltz and Mrs. Donna Orr came before the board questioning when new water pipe would be installed along Pine St., they expressed their frustration with all the water main breaks this year. The board explained that they are aware there is a problem along Pine St. and that they have begun the process to get the water pipe replaced, but that it is not something that can be done overnight. Guy Christensen explained that he could have bids available for the next board meeting. The board asked him to go ahead and get bids for Pine St. with a provision that the bids were good for 90 days.

Discussion began on the letting of the bid for the water/sewer extension to the Conger property at Rt. 53 and Gardner Road. Comm. Hileman expressed his reservations on letting the bid without something concrete from either Subway or Mr. Conger. Discussion with Mr. Hooley the Subway representative followed regarding lot percentage costs for the water/sewer extension and exactly what it would take for this to go through. Comm. Hileman expressed that he felt that either Mr. Conger or his attorney should be following up on this and taking some responsibility, as they have not been setting up meetings as they said they would. With the bids coming in lower than anticipated, and with the commitment of Subway for $15,000, Comm. Hileman made motion that there will be no recapture, and the Village will let the bid to Brandt in the amount of $49,477.04 if Mr. Hooley gets back to the village by 5:00 pm on Friday October 28, 2011 telling the Village that Subway and Conger will pay $19,415.00 up front for the water/sewer extension second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Atty. Belt reminded the board that they would need to take the online open meetings training. Atty. Belt also reported that he had nothing new on the retroreflectivity regulations. His office is working on the contract with Kraus Cable, and he is in need of a Village Board contact to express the board's needs and wants with the contract, Comm. Hileman told Atty. Belt to call him.

Comm. Hileman made motion that the Village Hall begin closing for 1 hour for lunch every day, it was decided that the new hours would be from 8 am to noon, and 1 pm to 5 pm Monday thru Friday beginning October 25, 2011 second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion that the Village board meeting of November 14, 2011 be moved to November 15, 2011, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman reported to the board that he will be getting the Tax Levy to them; he would like it on the next agenda, as he will not be at the Nov. 28th or Dec. 12th meetings and this needs to be approved and filed in December. He also reported that a $75,000 CD will be coming due and he will either roll it over at Standard Bank or if need be move it to get the best rate.

Comm. Hibler had no report.

Comm. Serena reported that there had been no leaks on Pine St. in 2010, however there were 4 this year. Comm. Hileman questioned that now that grass is pretty much done for the year, if it would be a good idea to hire Charlie Wilson to help dig out and replace about 20 feet of pipe. Discussion followed regarding the increase of line size, where new lines meet old, temporarily fixing or obtaining bids for water line replacement along Pine St.

Comm. Riley had no report.

Engineer Christensen began discussion regarding the civil engineering revisions for Dollar General, with Comm. Hileman making motion to accept the revision letter sent by Guy Christensen second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise Thanked the Historical Society for the nice open house on Saturday October 22.

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 8:40 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner