Monday, December 12, 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: Mike Serena, Gary Riley, Jim Hibler and Mayor Wise. Also in attendance were Attorney Scott Belt, Bob Schmude and Guy Christensen with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 28, 2011 were presented. Hibler moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current and ratified bills for December 12, 2011 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

AGENDA – Comm. Serena moved to approve the 2012 meeting schedule with the addition of having a Village board meeting on October 8, 2012, along with the closing of Village hall and maintenance garage December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012 for the Holidays, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Attorney Brad Nolden explained the corrections to the Identity Theft Protection Plan with Comm. Serena making motion to approve the Identity Theft Protection Plan as written by Village Attorney, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – Comm. Serena requested that the Village Board meeting agenda be revised, since the citizen participation ordinance has been approved he would like public comments moved on the agenda. Discussion followed with Comm. Serena making motion to remove questions and place public comments after payment of bills and prior to agenda on all future agendas, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Atty. Belt had no report.

Comm. Hileman was absent.

Comm. Hibler reported that he wanted to have Guy Christensen explain the estimated pay out submitted by Stott, as Guy was not present yet, he asked Bob if he would be able to explain. Bob Schmude explained the current expenses, with Comm. Hibler explaining the water leak repairs done by Stott, and the possibility of needing to shut off water to the High School in order to make connections. Comm. Hibler then made motion to pay engineers pay estimate #1 for the Pine Street water main project, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Riley, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Serena explained that an issue has come up regarding the number of dogs and cats permitted per residence, discussion followed addressing the animal control ordinance, conversations with Grundy county animal control, and possible solutions.
Discussion then began regarding the retroreflectivity plan with Comm. Serena explaining the Village's plan to simply replace all signs beginning with stop signs and finishing up with parking signs. Comm. Serena made motion to put the Villages retroreflectivity plan of replacing all signs in place once the State finalizes the amendment, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Comm. Serena presented his additions to the existing burning ordinance, with an explanation of the damage that can be done to sidewalks and streets. Atty. Nolden stated that he could have these revisions done for the next board meeting, and asked that this be placed on the next agenda along with the animal control ordinance.

Comm. Riley reminded everyone of the lighting contest.

Engineer Christensen had no additional report.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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 7:35 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner