Monday, January 23, 2012 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, Jim Hibler, Gary Riley and Mayor Wise. Also in attendance were Attorney Brad Nolden, Guy Christensen and Bob Schmude with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 9, 2012 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Pass: Riley. Motion carried.

The current bills for January 23, 2012 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Hileman made motion to pay Municipal Sales Tax to Rub Ford in the amount of $10,229.20 second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman and Riley. Nays: none. Pass: Wise. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mr. Don Phillips congratulated the maintenance crew on the good job they did cleaning the streets following last Fridays snow. Mr. Phillips informed the board that the streets in Will County were bad, and while IDOT did an OK job in Grundy County, the streets were not as well plowed as here in town.

Agenda – Sheryl McDaniel explained to the board that the Girl Scouts of America's 100th anniversary will be on March 12, 2012. In celebration of this event the Girl Scout Service Unit of Braidwood, Wilmington, Braceville, Godley and Gardner have all donated $1 toward purchasing an evergreen tree and marker as a memorial. Comm. Hileman made motion to allow Girl Scout Service unit 733 to plant the evergreen tree and marker at the scout cabin second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ida Schopp presented the board with a check in the amount of $910.09 from the recently disbanded Beautification Committee to be used by this board toward the purchase of a Merry-go-Round for the East Park.

Unfinished Business – None

Atty. Belt Attorney Brad Nolden reported to the board that he has forwarded the cable agreement on to Kraus Cable and is awaiting a response from them.

Comm. Hileman reported to the board that he was pleased to announce that since hiring Brad Kingma in June of 2011, he has passed two (2) of his required license exams. Comm. Hileman explained that Mr. Kingma was hired with the understanding that these licenses would need to be obtained, and he would receive a $.50 raise with each license. Comm. Hileman feels that Mr. Kingma is an asset to the Village and the Tax payers; he listens to advice, takes the initiative to get jobs done and commends him on doing a good job.
Comm. Hileman then explained that he was recently at a meeting with some board members of the Highway committee, regarding Main St. and feels that a good solution has been reached. Atty. Belt did a good job for the Village of Gardner and the Tax Payers. Comm. Hileman then moved on to explain the issues between the Gardner Fire Department, Fire Protection District and the Village regarding TIF monies. Back in March of 2011, $161,921.10 of TIF money was turned over to Fire Chief Wilkey by court order, by the Fire Protection District. The Fire Protection District felt that in January of 2012 the court order regarding these monies would be turned around, it was not. In October or November of 2011, money was withheld from the TIF monies paid the Fire Department, which was owed the Village. After conversations with TIF Attorney Tom Jacobs, and Attorney Scott Belt it came to Comm. Hileman's attention that due to a clause in the original agreement the Village needs to either go to court, or join with the Fire Protection District to enable the Village to audit and make sure these monies are being spent correctly. Comm. Hileman made motion to have Atty. Scott Belt proceed with this, so the Village will be able to audit these funds and make sure the money is being spent correctly second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hibler had no report.

Comm. Serena reported that the guys did a good job clearing the streets that they were in better shape than other towns.

Comm. Riley had no report.

Engineer Christensen reported that the storm sewer located during the Pine Street water main project cannot go back in the original location. Following discussion regarding the size of pipe, number

of catch basins, and their location, Comm. Hileman made motion for Stott to replace the storm sewer at a cost not to exceed $45,000. This is to be paid out of water, TIF and possibly sewer, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise reported that Gardner Grade School will once again be having their spring fund raiser. Comm. Serena made motion to donate $100 again this year to the Spring Fund Raiser second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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 7:40 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner