The Gardner Village Board meeting of February 13, 2012 opened with a public hearing to consider amendments and modifications to the terms and conditions contained in an annexation agreement for the property located at Route 129 in Grundy County, Illinois and owned by Rick and Donna Marketti. Attorney Belt explained the actual location of the property and the need for the amendments. He explained that the original tax abatement was for a 10 year limit and is being amended to 20 years beginning February 28, 2003 and ending February 28, 2023 unless the property is sold outside the family or something is built on the property. As there were no questions or comments at 7:05 pm Commissioner Hileman made motion to close the public hearing second by Serena.

Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:06 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 Attorneys Brad Nolden and Scott Belt, as well as Bob Schmude with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve an ordinance approving and authorizing execution of first amendment to annexation agreement between the Village of Gardner and Rick Marketti as successor in interest to Harris Bank – Joliet, as trustee under agreement known as trust #476. Attorney Belt explained the number of votes needed to pass the ordinance, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman made motion to approve an ordinance for the abatement of real property taxes for the real property owned by Rick and Donna Marketti located in section 34, Braceville Township, Grundy County, Illinois, second Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The minutes of January 23, 2012 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current and ratified bills for February 13, 2012 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mr. Don Phillips informed the board that while he was not officially representing Heritage Tractor Adventure, he has been working with them the past couple of years organizing the tractor adventure and they would like to visit Gardner June 10, 2012. He explained that the ride will begin on Friday and finish up on Monday, visiting Gardner on Sunday with 250 to 300 antique tractors, stopping either at the Legion Hall or down town to have lunch and view the sites.

Agenda –Comm. Hileman made motion to go into executive session following regular meeting items, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

Atty. Belt reported to the board that the retroreflectivity amendment process is under way and not due to be completed until summer. He reminded the board that a written plan needs to be in place; Comm. Serena mentioned that at the December 12, 2012 board meeting a plan to replace all signs was passed by motion form. Atty. Belt stated that while the Village is ahead of things an actual written plan needs to be in place. Following additional discussion regarding the number of signs, life expectancy, warranty and cost of decals versus new signs, Comm. Serena said he would do more research and write up a plan to be presented at a future meeting.

Comm. Hileman began discussion regarding the condition of the Village Hall roof, stating that it has been leaking in spots for the past year or so. Repair/Replacement bids were received from Adler who bid $30,485 and Crowther who bid $31,000. Comm. Hileman explained the bids and possible additional cost if rot was found after removal of the existing roof that needed to be replaced. Pursuant to ILCS 5/4-5-11(1) Comm. Serena made motion to accept the bid from Adler for $30,485 to repair the Village Hall roof, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hibler reported that Stott will be finishing up the tie-ins on Pine Street and starting the storm sewer replacement.

Comm. Serena gave additional information regarding signs to comply with the retroreflectivity requirements, and feels that for under $4,000 the Village could get started complying.

Comm. Riley had no report.

Engineer Schmude began discussion for the resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds by reporting the cost of construction, and administration fees to repair streets within the Village. Discussion followed with Comm. Hileman stressing that we needed to get bids as soon as possible to obtain the best prices. Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the resolution appropriating $236,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise reported that he had received a letter from Gardner South Wilmington High School asking for a donation for prom lock in. Discussion followed with Comm. Hileman informing the board of the amounts donated by Braceville and Southwilmington. Comm. Serena made motion to donate $500 for GSW High School prom lock in second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 7:50 pm Comm. Hibler 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. Probable, possible or imminent litigation, authorized pursuant to section (2)(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 9:00 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Serena. Roll call-ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, Hibler and Wise. Nays: None. Motion carried.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hibler, seconded by Comm. Hileman, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner