Monday, March 12, 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 and Bob Schmude with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 27, 2012 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for March 12, 2012 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**AGENDA – None**

**Unfinished Business –** None

**Atty. Belt** Attorney Brad Nolden handed out and explained the draft for the Roadway Sign/Retroreflectivity policy including the inventory, break down of signs by category, replacement of warning signs by 1/13/13, and ongoing replacement plan with regard to warranty. He stated that if after review the commissioners approved the policy that it be placed on the next agenda for final approval. Questions were asked regarding the policy such as, if any policies have been drafted for other municipalities, and the clause stating that an engineer be present when doing inventory. Atty. Nolden explained that other municipalities did in fact have a very similar plan in the works. He also said that he didn't feel that the engineer would need to be present during the actual inventory so it would be possible to change that wording, but the village may want to consult with the engineer from time to time throughout the replacement process. Comm. Hileman wasn't sure he wanted the wording changed due to conversations with Guy Christensen and the possibility of him purchasing and renting out the equipment for testing the signs, but didn't feel that an engineer needed to actually be present during the inventory process. Comm. Serena brought up the possibility of hiring an outside firm to test the signs; this way if an issue should come up the village will have someone to verify the testing process. Discussion then followed regarding the street name signs, when they were last replaced, if they fell within the guild lines, cost of replacing and the fact that they were low on the priority time line. Atty. Nolden then stated he had a short meeting on March 12, 2012 with Kraus regarding the franchise agreement. He explained that there were not have a lot of changes; the biggest one was adding Kraus on bonds as an additional insured especially on larger projects. Comm. Hileman questioned why he was not contacted in regards to the meeting with Kraus. Discussion followed with Comm. Hileman stressing that he wants to be involved in meetings with Kraus. Comm. Serena also questioned Kraus's participation in JULIE with discussion following regarding placement of their lines and their participation.

**Comm. Hileman** reported that approval has been received to pay off loan 96-92105 and that will be done on Wednesday. Comm. Hileman also commended Steve Baker for doing a good job last week. He explained that a number of residents had low water pressure after Stott made the final connections on the Pine Street project. Comm. Hileman explained how due to blockages the Village had to call Fatlan out. Stott will be reimbursing the Village the cost of Fatlan coming out. Comm. Hileman explained the problems found which included not being able to find the shut off, the blow pipe and how fill was added raising it 2 to 2 ½ feet. He then explained that now a new valve and flushing hydrant have been put in. Comm. Hileman then questioned Bob Schmude on the black top bids and final pay off dates. He also stated that he would like to hold back final payment to Chamlin until maps are received after new water and sewer work has been done.

**Comm. Hibler** had no report.

**Comm. Serena** requested that the retroreflectivity plan be placed on the next agenda. He also reported that the new signs have been ordered. Discussion then began on the length of time for future street repair jobs to be completed, and possibly waiting to finish Pine Street due to the amount of trenching and the need for those to settle.

**Comm. Riley** had no report.

**Engineer Christensen** reported that the water main portion of Pine Street is completed, and that Stott is hoping to get to the seeding and restoration as soon as weather permits. He also reported that

the storm sewer was close to being completed. Comm. Hileman reminded him that a dead hydrant needed to be pulled on Odell Street. Discussion followed on whether or not the village could hang on to the hydrant for either repair parts or future use. Mr. Schmude said he would remind them of the hydrant and that the village would like to keep the hydrant for a spare.



**Clerk Pasternak** had no report.

**Mayor Wise** reported that the grand opening of Dollar General was held on Saturday March 10, 2012 at 8 am with a good crowd in attendance.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Serena, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner