Monday, April 9, 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 March 26, 2012 were presented. Serena moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current and ratified bills for April 9, 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.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Agenda – Zoning board member Mike Pasternak presented a letter of recommendation to approve the current comprehensive plan and zoning map which were approved by the Zoning board on April 3, 2012 by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Pasternak explained the changes to the zoning map which included the Conger property going from R2 to B2.
Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the letter of recommendation and approve the comprehensive plan and zoning map second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Pat Malinowski then requested that the Lions be allowed to collect donations for their annual Tootsie Pop Days on April 27 and 28th. Comm. Serena made motion to allow the Lions to collect donations second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

Atty. Belt Atty. Nolden reported that he has been in contact with Comm. Hileman regarding the Franchise agreement with Kraus Cable, and feels that they have a good contract which is ready to take to Kraus for their final approval. Discussion followed regarding certain aspects of the contract, including the 20 year term, quality of service and Kraus's request to be included on construction bonds which is not feasible due to cost. Atty. Nolden explained that even though they will have a 20 year term, it is not an inclusive contract, which allows for another cable company to come in at any time and provide service to the residents. Atty. Nolden also reported that Kraus is notified by JULIE. He then asked for guidance in regards to a file pertaining to Nielsen Grain. Comm. Hileman explained that this is an ongoing file he did not want closed due to a letter from the owners of Nielsen Grain stating that they would paint and put on a new roof, neither of which have been done. Atty. Nolden then reported on the TIF issues explaining that he has been in contact with Comm. Hileman and Herb Klein and hopes to have an update at a later meeting. Comm. Serena questioned where things stood with Main St., Atty. Nolden informed the board that there is no update, but that Atty. Belt has been in contact with Susan Bates and they are finalizing things with the county.

Comm. Hileman reported that the village has an old truck and old grass hopper mower that we are not using. He questioned if the board would like to do a sealed bid to sell these items. Discussion followed on condition of the items with Comm. Hileman making motion to put the items out for sealed bid and letting them go to highest bidder second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Hileman then began further discussion regarding Main Street. He reported on how residents are questioning the Mayor, Comm. Serena and Himself. He reported that he has had conversations with Atty. Belt who told him he has put it on the back burner. Comm. Hileman felt that after the meeting with Susan Bates, the county engineer, Frank Halpin, and Mr. Severson that a very good agreement had been reached. He felt that the Village board had given our legal counsel very good directions on what to do, which was send a letter stating that the county would maintain the road, the village would plow, salt, replace signs and stripe Main Street. The county stated that they would put Main St. on their five (5) year plan. Comm. Hileman directed Atty. Nolden to get the letter sent tomorrow, stating that if his office is too busy to do the job let the board know and we will get someone else. Discussion followed regarding time for finalizing the agreement, comments from meetings regarding price of black topping, amount of work required which will include grinding down. Comm. Hileman stressed that Main Street needs to be finalized.

Comm. Hibler reported on the problems at well number 5. Comm. Hileman stated that the village was looking at about $75,000 to $100,000 to replace the pump due to this being our deepest well.

Comm. Serena reported that the maintenance guys have been out trimming trees, and replacing signs, he would like to see the roads striped by all stop signs in town later this summer. Guy Christensen reported that the IDOT reports have been signed by the Mayor, they will now be sent off to Springfield, signed and a copy returned to us.

Comm. Riley reported that he is looking into some new play ground equipment and will report back later. He also told the board that grass season is coming so he will be following up on that.

Engineer Christensen reported that Comm. Hibler asked him to look into an underwater inspection of the water tower. He is still waiting for information and an estimate from Liquid Engineering when he receives it he will report back. Discussion followed regarding the spraying of the ditches, with the decision being that the village would spray the ditches themselves this year and treat for cattails next year.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise reported that he has been approached regarding the use of the street car to cook and serve hot dogs during Red Carpet Corridor and he has given his approval.

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 7:32 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner