Monday, April 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 and Bob Schmude with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The current bills for April 23, 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.

Public Comments – Mr. Tom Perkins thanked the board for the white street paint, and informed them that the volunteers got the route 66 signs repainted. Mr. Don Phillips then told the board that the street light at the corner of Liberty and Jackson was out, as this is a village pole, they will wait till more repairs are needed before obtaining a lift.

Agenda – Comm**.** Hileman made motion to reappoint Mike Pasternak to the zoning board second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

Atty. Belt - Atty. Nolden reported on the latest Main Street agreement between Grundy County and the Village, going over the changes which include, full depth hot mix patching, access permits for purposes of ingress and egress. Discussion followed regarding the meaning of full depth hot mix patching, with the board asking Atty. Nolden to clarify the county's definition. Comm. Hileman explained that the language for access permits was not an issue as it basically revoked the language in the 1972 agreement. The board informed Atty. Nolden that if the county said that hot and cold patch were the same to proceed as this needs to be taken care of. Atty. Nolden then reported that a letter was sent out to the Fire Department regarding TIF and they have fifteen (15) days after receipt to comply. He then updated the board regarding the Video Gaming act from 2009 stating that the State will probably be up and running on this by late summer. Discussion then followed regarding options. Option 1 being to not allow video games, which is what was done in the past. Option 2 is to allow gaming and do a $25 per terminal license fee, and then a percentage that goes into the local gaming distributive fund, with the Village getting about 5% terminal income of the taxes. Discussion then followed how Joliet has allowed gaming, takes a small percentage with the rest going to charities. Comm. Hileman asked if the Village did allow gaming would we be able to set those funds aside to use for the schools or other charities. Atty. Nolden felt that would be an option to divert these funds into a charity fund.

Comm. Hileman asked if the letter and final check had been sent to former Clerk Bexson yet. Clerk Pasternak reported that the check would be issued with the end of month bills and the letter would be sent at that time. Comm. Hileman reported that hopefully Layne would be back next week to finish getting well 5 back up and running.

Comm. Hibler reported that as of May 1, 2012 the water/sewer rates are due to increase, he would like to waive the increase again due to the economy. Comm. Hileman made motion to waive the 5% water/sewer rate increase for 2012/2013 second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Hibler reminded the board that if there is an emergency a special meeting can always be called to change the rates if needed.

Comm. Serena thanked Comm. Hibler for waiving the water/sewer rates again this year. He then reported that the new signs are up, and maintenance has been out trimming trees for easier access when plowing. Comm. Serena informed the board that a large tree had blown down and that between volunteers and Village maintenance it was cleaned up. Comm. Serena asked Bob Schmude when he felt "D" Construction would start on the road maintenance job. Mr. Schmude stated that the village probably would not see them until June.

Comm. Riley reported that by the next meeting he would like to have playground items with costs to present.

Engineer Christensen reported that Stott has finished up on Pine Street and that he will have a final payout for the next meeting. Comm. Hileman reminded him that we still need new watermain and storm sewer maps for Pine Street, Mr. Schmude stated he had them with him.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise reported that he had been asked to match Lions club donations for flowers, with the Villages share being between $75 and $100. Mayor Wise informed the board that he has asked if they have any extra flowers to put them over by the jail and street car. Comm. Hileman made motion to match Lions club donations second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Perkins reminded the board that the Red Carpet corridor is May 5th and 6th, and announcing that there will be a Rivera cookbook on sale at the Street car for $17.95 that weekend.

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 7:21 pm.

_____

Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner