Monday, May 14, 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 April 23, 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 Financial report for the month of April was presented. Hibler moved to approve the April Financial Report second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills for May 14, 2012 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Agenda – Comm. Hileman began by making a motion to approve the Prevailing wage act ordinance second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Next on the agenda was the final pay estimate to Stott for work completed on Pine Street water main and storm sewer. After some discussion Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the pay estimate for Stott second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Clerk Pasternak opened and read the bids for the 92 International dump truck and Grasshopper lawn mower. After discussion Comm. Hileman made motion to accept the high bid of $800.00 submitted by Jack Eutsey for the Grasshopper mower, and the high bid of $1,350.00 submitted by Tim Hill for the 92 International dump truck, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Comm. Serena made motion to declare May 25, 2012 Poppy Proclamation day second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
All agreed to go into executive session at the end of the meeting.

Unfinished Business – None

Atty. Belt Atty. Nolden reported that there are some minor changes in the franchise agreement with Kraus Cable, they were pertaining to the response time, wording, and concern on both sides regarding the term. Some common ground was found with a 30 year contract in 10 year terms. Atty. Nolden stated that he would like the Kraus Cable franchise agreement to be put on the next agenda and he would present a finalized contract. Atty. Nolden reported that Atty. Belt is trying to get in touch with Susan Bates in regards to Main Street, not a lot of changes there, Mayor Wise said that it needs to get done.

Comm. Hileman reported that he had been in contact with Atty. Nolden regarding the gaming ordinance and would like to either accept it or decline it. Discussion followed with Comm. Hileman stressing that other municipalities are passing, business owners would like it, and that Gardner could use that money for charities. Comm. Serena stated that he is all for it but would like to keep it as basic as possible. Atty. Nolden said that keeping it basic is very possible, Gardner would amend the current Gaming ordinance and establish license fees and put out the state requirements. Comm. Hileman made motion to pass the gaming ordinance second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Hileman then informed the board that with their approval he would like to close the GO bond CD when it matures and use the funds to pay bills. He reported that he had received information from Tom Jacobs and the Villages TIF payments will be down but the Industrial TIF payments will be up which will be good.

Comm. Hibler had no report.

Comm. Serena had no report.

Comm. Riley reported that 13 letters have gone out for grass 9 of which have complied. A couple more letters need to go out for grass. Two letters have gone out for vehicles, and he will be following up on those. Comm. Riley then began discussion regarding using either an outside service or a high school student to mow at vacant properties. Comm. Hileman stated that the village would rather not because we would still need to pay them and they would not be covered on work comp. Comm. Hileman then explained the difficulties the village had when an outside service was used in the past. Discussion then followed on vacant and foreclosed properties, and possibly doing something similar to

Chicago were a letter is sent, if they don't comply a fine is added, as we are currently looking at having to put some liens on properties for unpaid balances.

Engineer Christensen had no report.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise thanked Pat Malinowski for her help during red carpet corridor, he explained how all municipalities ran out of keys, but had other nice gifts to hand out.

At 7:27 pm Comm. Hileman made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on employment, compensation, performance of specific employees, authorized pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act. Atty. Nolden added pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act, Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 7:47 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to reconvene, second by Hileman 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. Hileman, seconded by Comm. Hibler, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner