Monday, October 8, 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 Scott Belt and Guy Christensen with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of September 24, 2012 were presented. Serena moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler, Riley, and Wise. Pass: Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for October 8, 2012 were presented. Hileman 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 – Brad Kingma thanked everyone for all the help with the water leak.

Agenda – Mike Vigna explained which crops have been planted on Village property and which ones should be planted in order to obtain a good crop of alfalfa in the future. Mr. Vigna asked the board for approval, if the Grade school also approves, to plant soybeans and winter wheat the next two (2) years. Discussion followed regarding past crops, the need for barley straw by the Village, the current hay market, and a possible contract signed by Mr. Vigna stating he would farm the land through 2014. Comm. Serena made motion to table this issue until the next meeting, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Mr. Jim Harris presented the suggestion to the board for an email notification system for Village residents. Discussion followed regarding set up, possible uses, accessibility and cost. Comm. Hileman made motion for Mr. Harris to help Village Hall set up an email notification system second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None

Atty. Belt questioned the board regarding the Fire Department water bill. Comm. Hibler explained that Brad Kingma had walked through the building with Chris Himes and found no leaks. Discussion followed explaining the amount of water used, water running through the sewer clean out before the walk through but not after, possibly getting a plumber to inspect the building and obtaining permission to enter the building.

Comm. Hileman addressed the board in regards to the article published recently in the Morris Daily Herald. Comm. Hileman explained how the accounting of funds began, his requests for information from the Grade school, High school, and Fire District, and the difficulties he has had in receiving the necessary documents from the High School. Comm. Hileman stressed that the board wants to turn over TIF funds to the schools and the fire district however they need to follow current state laws when doing so.

Comm. Hibler reported to the board that he has received prices to make repairs at the water plant and they will be completed soon.

Comm. Serena thanked the Fire District for their help with the water leak. Comm. Serena also informed the board that work is being done on the trucks, road salt should be good but more rock chips will be needed so the Village will be ready for winter. Comm. Serena stated that he has received a quote on safety jackets for maintenance personnel and would like this placed on the next agenda.

Comm. Riley had no report.

Engineer Christensen had no report.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise informed the board that he spoke with Fatlan's and there is water and sewer at 129 and Main street, it just needs to be run into the building. He stated that the renter will be using Port-a-Potties with hand wash stations for the time being. Comm. Serena questioned how often the renter would be having flea markets, Mayor Wise said once a month. Inspector Rankovich felt that the owner should pay the village monies owed for cutting the grass before flea markets are allowed.

At 7:42 p.m. Comm. Hibler made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on pending litigation authorized pursuant to Section (2)(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act second by Hileman Roll call-Ayes: Hileman, Serena, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried

At 8:54 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Serena. Roll call-ayes: Riley, Serena, Hileman, 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 8:55 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner