Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Mayor pro tem Dick Hileman called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call-Commissioners: Mike Serena, Jim Hibler. Also in attendance were Attorney Scott Belt and Bob Schmude with Chamlin & Associates.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of January 28, 2013 were presented. Hibler moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for February 11, 2013 were presented. Hibler moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mrs. Ida Schopp explained to the board that with all the current historical items and more coming in all the time another cabinet is really needed. Discussion followed regarding the size and type of cabinet to purchase. As this topic is on the agenda Comm. Serena made motion that following research one or two cabinets will be purchased with the price not to exceed $2,000.00 second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mrs. Schopp also asked the board if they would be alright with the Grade School bringing student over to view and learn about the history of Gardner. Comm. Hileman stated that the village hall is a public building and open to anyone, so provided they call to make sure a meeting isn't being held on the day of the visit they are free to set it up.

Agenda – Discussion began on resolution 001-2013 confirming participation in the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, with Comm. Hileman explaining that while the resolution will include a listing on the Heritage Corridor website free of charge down the road they may want the Village to advertise for a fee. Comm. Serena stated that while the free advertising would be nice, since the I&M Canal isn't near Gardner his vote would be a no.

Unfinished Business – None

Atty. Belt had no report.

Comm. Hileman Comm. Hileman explained the farm lease, copies of minutes that the school asked for, and a contract which is good until January 1, 2017. As the village has not heard from Mr. Hoffman on whether or not he was going to follow the contract Comm. Hileman requested that Atty. Belt write a letter to Mr. Hoffman as to the status of the lease. Discussion followed regarding what can be planted per the contract, who owns the land, and how the lease works. Comm. Hileman then explained the upcoming fund raiser for Pete Schultz wishing the family well.

Comm. Hibler Had no report.

Comm. Serena Had no report.

Comm. Riley was absent.

Engineer Christensen – Bob Schmude reported that bid advertising ran on Thursday and they have 8 contractors so far, bids will be opened on Friday February 22, 2013 at 11:00 am here at Village hall.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise was absent.

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 7:17 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner