Monday, March 25, 2013 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: Mike Serena, Gary Riley, Jim Hibler and Dick Hileman. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of March 11, 2013 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Pass: Riley and Serena. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills for March 25, 2013 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Serena, Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Agenda – The archives committee presented to the Village of Gardner pictures taken printed and framed by Atty. Scott Belt of the late Sheriff Terry Marketti and his badge. Comm. Hileman made motion for the pictures of Terry which were donated to the Village by the archives committee to be kept in the Village hall and displayed indefinitely unless the producer or his family would like them back, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Serena, Hibler, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ida Schopp told the board it was a pleasure to donate such a wonderful picture of Terry to the Village and thanked the board for the new display cabinets which are on the way. Comm. Hileman asked if the back of the picture was sealed and requested that a copy of the minutes be placed on the back of the picture for future reference. Mayor Wise thanked the committee for the donation on behalf of the Village.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt was not present.

Comm. Hileman reported that Springfield is trying to pass through legislature that any town, school, library, or fire district with a budget over 1 million dollars must have a web site and post all information on the site including such items as names of employees, salaries, benefits, bills and monies on hand thereby limiting freedom of information requests. Comm. Hileman is in favor of this due to the amount of time and money the village has paid over the years to satisfy freedom of information requests. Comm. Hileman then explained the current situation with Main Street and the conversations the village has had with the county over the potholes and who will repair them. Comm. Serena stated that the county informed him that they will not fix the potholes along Main Street and never had any intention of fixing them.
Comm. Hileman informed the board that at the next meeting he would like to transfer some money from the general fund to the IMRF fund and the Garbage fund explaining that with the Village covering approximately $1.20 per bill per month and cutting the real estate taxes on our portion of the garbage 50% for the last three years and with tax money not coming in until the end of June or July the amount budgeted isn't going to cover the bills.

Comm. Hibler reminded the residents that Stott will be starting sometime in April on the Main street project which will affect Main Street from Cedar to the water tower.

Comm. Serena reported that other than the unfortunate business with Main Street he has nothing else except to say the maintenance personnel did a good job keeping the streets plowed after the recent snow falls. Pat Malinowski questioned if anyone was going to fix Main Street, Comm. Serena said yes if the county isn't or won't the village will make sure the potholes are repaired.

Comm. Riley had no report.

Engineer Christensen – was not present.

Clerk Pasternak had no report.

Mayor Wise questioned Dean Rankovich regarding the inspection of the building they discussed, Mr. Rankovich said he had inspected it but he would like to discuss it further with the Mayor. Ms. Linda Tyler requested that the Village board acknowledge the 8th grade girls volley ball teams second place state championship with a congratulations letter for them to display next to their plaque.

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 7:16 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner