Monday, July 8, 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: Gary Riley, Mike Serena and Dick Hileman. Also in attendance were Attorney Brad Nolden and Guy Christensen with Chamlin & Associates. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of June 10, 2013 were presented. Serena moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Serena and Wise. Pass: Hileman Nays: none. Motion carried.

The minutes of June 24, 2013 were presented. Serena moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hileman and Wise. Pass: Riley Nays: none. Motion carried.

The financial report for the month of June was presented Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the financial report second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills for July 8, 2013 were presented. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mrs. Ida Schopp thanked Comm. Serena and Brad Kingma for their help in getting the Merry-go-round installed.
Mr. Don Phillips requested that the village consider joining the Heritage Corridor tourist bureau, explaining that the heritage tractor adventure won't come through a village unless they are members of the Heritage Corridor tourist bureau. Comm. Serena requested that Mr. Phillips present the necessary information to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Phillips stated that if he does the route next year he would like to make Gardner one of the stops. Comm. Serena commented that it was nice when the tractors stopped last year, the restaurants in town provided lunch so you could walk around look at the tractors and eat lunch.
Mr. Tom Perkins handed out Route 66 visitors guides to the board and asked for ideas to keep the street car open so visitors have access for viewing and pictures. Mr. Perkins also explained that he is looking into getting some memorabilia for the historical archives.
Mr. Phillips reminded the board of the Community Foundation of Grundy County meeting on July 30, 2013 at the Gardner Restaurant.

Agenda – Comm. Hileman made motion to make July 21, through July 28 Accessibility Awareness Week, second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Comm. Serena made motion to approve the amended liquor license ordinance reducing the number of available class A and class B liquor licenses by 1 each second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Riley, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – had no report.

Comm. Hileman – Reported that the watermain project will be done soon, the first payout was out of the general fund, and the second payout will be out of the TIF fund. As some TIF and tax monies have come in Comm. Hileman went to the schools requesting their budgets, they informed him those will not be ready until August or September. Comm. Hileman explained the FOIA items requested from the High School and a list created by the office showing credit card charges for food, tickets and Amazon purchases. Comm. Hileman explained that the board has spent $160 for four tickets to Grundy County economic development recognizing Brownie factory, the annual Christmas party which is paid for personally by the commissioners along with the retirement party for the former clerk which was also paid for personally by commissioners. Comm. Hileman stressed that the Village board pays their own way and if necessary the bills are submitted and they are then reimbursed he will continue to follow up on this as he is not happy with what he sees from the high school.

Comm. Hibler - Was not present.

Comm. Serena – asked when Stott will be doing the road patches. Discussion followed regarding having Stott repair some of the holes where we have repaired water leaks including Mr. Patrone's property.

Comm. Riley – reported that he has received a list of 6 trees that should be removed, one can be done by the maintenance personnel, and he would like to get a bid for removal.

Engineer Christensen – reported that the pressure test has been done on Main Street, one portability test has been done another will be done, and following flushing out the chlorine the water will be fine for drinking. A connection will be done at Pine Street south of Main and then at the plant, water service connections with the new line will be made and then the old line will be decommissioned. Guy explained that all white pipe will be removed, and valves are being added.
Engineer Christensen said that the village can get by without spraying the ditches, but Mug-a-Bug recommends spraying for cattails and weeds on one side in the next month or so, and then skipping a year followed by spraying on alternate sides yearly.

Clerk Pasternak – had no report.

At 7:28 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body authorized pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act second by Riley. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hileman, Riley and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried

At 7:50 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to reconvene, second by Riley. Roll call-ayes: Serena, Hileman, Hibler, Riley and Wise. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Serena made motion to have a special meeting on Thursday July 11, 2013 at 7:30 pm pertaining to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act second by Comm. Hileman. Roll call-ayes: Serena, Hileman, Hibler, Riley and Wise. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman asked Atty. Nolden if he had anything to report on Main Street, Atty. Nolden informed the board that as of right now he had nothing to report.

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 7:52 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner