Monday, July 22, 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: Jim Hibler and Mike Serena. Also in attendance were Attorney Brad Nolden and Guy Christensen with Chamlin & Associates. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of July 8, 2013 were tabled. The Minutes of July 11, 2013 were presented Serena moved to approve the minutes as written second by Hibler. Roll call Ayes: Hibler, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The ratified and current bills for July 22, 2013 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Linda Tyler requested that gravel be added to the alley by the senior housing.
Mrs. Heerdt a teacher at GSW High School and teacher union representative expressed her views regarding the lawsuit between the High School and the Village. Mrs. Heerdt stressed that the money spent on both sides in legal fees could be better spent on other things. Mrs. Heerdt feels that both the students and teachers deserve better and that the lawsuit needs to end.
Mr. Don Phillips expressed his views on the lawsuit saying that he feels after reading the lawsuit and the decision that pursuing this further will not change the outcome, the school will still get the money. Mr. Phillips said that this all comes down to ego on Mr. Hileman's part, but that the members of the board that are present are smarter than that and shouldn't let one person keep pushing. Mr. Phillips stated that after discovering and fixing the problem with the Fire Department they need to stop wasting taxpayer money before the village is broke again as it was twelve years ago. Mr. Phillips also feels that the only ones making any money on this are the lawyers.
Kate Cloonen introduced herself and explained that her Kankakee office is open full time. Ms. Cloonen wanted the board to know that she is available to help or listen to any state issues. Comm. Serena questioned if she has any meetings coming up in the area, Ms. Cloonen thought that there were going to be some in Coal City in the near future.

Agenda – Guy Christensen reported that spraying the ditches was discussed at the last meeting and would be done between mid August and September for approximately $2,000. Comm. Serena made motion to have the ditches sprayed second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mr. Christensen will let Mug-a-Bug know that they can spray.
Comm. Hibler made motion to accept the termination letter for James Ferguson second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
The 2nd pay estimate for Stott was presented, with Guy Christensen explaining that this is not the final bill, this pay estimate only includes work that has been completed there is still a connection to be made on Pine south of Main, the old line needs to be decommissioned and old valves removed. Fire Chief Jensen questioned if a hydrant could be turned, Brad stated that Stott said they would be turning that hydrant. Discussion followed regarding the raising and turning of hydrants. Comm. Serena made motion to pay the 2nd pay estimate to Stott in the amount of $32,421.60 second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – Atty. Nolden informed the board that a letter had been sent updating them on the concealed carry law, and that another letter will be coming regarding the use of personal electronics during board meetings being open to FOIA. Atty. Nolden explained that some municipalities are adopting policies regarding the use of electronics during open meetings and that legislature may amend the act.

Comm. Hileman – was not present.

Comm. Hibler – reported that once the Main Street project is done he will be notifying Liquid Engineering so the water tower can be cleaned and inspected.

Comm. Serena – Made motion to approve the Budget and Appropriations ordinance second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Serena reported that once the Main street project is done Stott will also be patching other streets in town. Also reported was the stop sign which was knocked over at Mazon and East Street, Comm. Serena put up an emergency sign.

Comm. Riley – was not present.

Engineer Christensen –had no further report.

Clerk Pasternak – Had no report.

At 7:30 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 (2)(c)(1) of The Open Meetings Act second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Hibler and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried

At 8:15 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to reconvene, second by Hibler. Roll call-ayes: Serena, 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. Serena seconded by Comm. Hibler, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner