Monday, August 12, 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, Dick Hileman and Mike Serena. Also in attendance were Attorney Scott Belt and Guy Christensen with Chamlin & Associates. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of July 8, 2013 were presented Serena moved to approve the minutes as written second by Hileman. Roll call Ayes: Serena, Hileman and Wise. Pass: Hibler. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Minutes of July 22, 2013 were presented Serena moved to approve the minutes as written second by Hibler. Roll call Ayes: Hibler, Serena and Wise. Pass: Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried. The minutes of August 1, 2013 were presented Hibler moved to approve the minutes as written second by Hileman. Roll call Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. The minutes of August 8, 2013 were presented Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written second by Hibler. Roll call Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for August 12, 2013 were presented. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mrs. Ida Schopp requested permission to have the historical archives open during Standard Bank's "night on the town" September 24, 2013. Mrs. Schopp thought this would be a good time to show off all the wonderful items present in the historical archives as well as the new cabinets. Comm. Hileman made motion to allow the archives to be open on September 24, 2013 second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Mrs. Schopp also explained that the businesses participating in "night on the town" will be doing a raffle and asked if the board would be willing to fund a raffle prize for the archives. Comm. Hileman stated that if the rest of the board agreed they would sponsor a raffle prize out of their own pockets, but would not use tax payer dollars. Mrs. Schopp asked the Mayor to be present to draw the winning name. Mrs. Schopp will line up the necessary personnel to work the historical archives during "night on the town".
Dick Hileman came in front of the board and spoke regarding Main Street. Tax payers have come to him and told him that he doesn't know what he is talking about regarding the Main Street agreement and it doesn't say what he says it does. Comm. Hileman reported that Main Street became a topic in 1972 when the village plowed the snow and salted the roads, when the village wasn't able to get things done on the street it came to their attention that the county received the motor fuel tax for Main Street because they get paid by the mile. The agreement states that the Village will plow the snow, salt, do the stripping, signage, right of ways if needed and storm sewers, an estimated price to redo Main Street which included buying the black top through the county was received several years ago for around $250,000 which did not include the grinding and eventually it will need to be ground down. Comm. Hileman gave a copy of the agreement to the news reporter present so he could report on it if he wishes, stressing that the agreement does not state that the village is responsible for potholes or any blacktop. Comm. Hileman also reported that some TIF monies have been received, and the word on the street is that these monies have not been turned over, this is false, and the first installment was turned over to the schools and the fire district. A letter was sent informing them that no more installments would be received until their FY14 budget is received. The fire district has turned theirs over, Comm. Hileman has spoken with the grade school and they are working on theirs, there has been no word from the high school.
Mr. Don Phillips stated that the comments he made at the last meeting regarding Main Street and TIF agreements were also said to Comm. Hileman several months before, but he has not made any comments other than asking board members their position on those issues.

Agenda – Comm. Hileman questioned if the employee had turned in the proper CDL license and if we had gotten the proper test back in a negative way. Comm. Hileman made motion to hire the employee with the restrictions that he was told about and the signing of the letter stating that he will need to obtain his water and sewer licenses second by Serena.
Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman asked when the new employee would be able to start; August 26, 2013 was given as a start date. Comm. Serena then introduced Drew Vickers as the new employee.

Unfinished Business – Don Phillips presented and explained the benefits of joining Heritage Corridor visitors' bureau which include the heritage tractor adventure coming through Gardner. Mr. Phillips gave an estimate of the money brought into Gardner during tractor adventure explaining that tractor adventure will not be able to come back if Gardner is not part of Heritage Corridor Visitors' bureau. Comm. Hileman questioned how much solicitation for ads they would do. Mr. Phillips was only familiar with tractor adventure ads and he believes the price for those are about $125 for a business card size and between $1,000 and $1,250 for a full page ad. Mr. Phillips explained that the Village was not required to buy ads. Comm. Hileman made motion to join the Heritage Corridor Visitors' bureau second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Atty. Belt – had no report.

Comm. Hileman – had no report.

Comm. Hibler – reported that the water tower inspection and cleaning was done on Sunday, so we should be good for 5 years.

Comm. Serena – reported that the Main Street water project is wrapping up. Currently they are working on patching the streets and putting sidewalks in.

Comm. Riley – was not present.

Engineer Christensen – will get a commitment out of Stott on a final completion date. Comm. Hileman explained that the high school would like the gravel cleaned up from in front of the school.

Clerk Pasternak – read a resignation letter from Comm. Gary Riley.

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 7:25 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner