Monday, September 9, 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 August 26, 2013 were presented Hileman moved to approve the minutes as written second by Serena. Roll call Ayes: Serena, Hileman and Wise. Pass: Hibler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for September 9, 2013 were presented. Hibler moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None.

Agenda – Patty and Craig Parks asked the board if they would be allowed to park vehicles that are for sale at 102 S. Rt. 53. Mr. & Mrs. Parks stressed that the vehicles would not be for resale, just private sellers. Comm. Hileman told them that his vote was a no, explaining that fifteen (15) years ago when he got on the board, Tom Jacobs the TIF attorney, told them that the mess coming into town at the interchange needed to be cleaned up. There is a mess up town by the post office and people in town don't like it so his vote is a no. Mr. Parks then questioned if they would be allowed to put up a billboard, Comm. Hileman informed him that they would need to speak to the zoning officer, Dean Rankovich, but that in the past people have wanted to put up billboards along 55 and the village doesn't want it to look like a Vegas strip so they have been voted down. Mr. Parks asked if the board had any objections to another food vendor on that corner, Comm. Hileman told him that he would need to check with Grundy County health department and they would give him all the requirements necessary.
Zoning Board chairman Eric Fosnaugh presented a letter recommending the appointment of Terry Jensen to fill the vacancy and reappointment of Darren Brooks. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the recommendations second by Hibler. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Chairman Fosnaugh suggested that if in the future there is a vacancy on the planning and zoning board a notice is put up so residents are aware of the vacancy to be filled.
Comm. Hileman reported that Guy Christensen has received a price from Stott for the same unit price to replace the white pipe along Pine Street from Main St. to Jefferson Street. Comm. Hileman made motion for Stott to replace the white pipe along Pine Street between Main and Jefferson second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – Had no report.

Comm. Hileman – reported that he would like to move some money and buy some CD's. Comm. Hileman would also like the Mayor and commissioners to look at the treasurer's report and if we can afford it over the next few years replace the rest of the white pipe.

Comm. Hibler – requested that Guy Christensen get a price on the additional water line replacement. Discussion followed on the amount of pipe to be replaced and the streets affected. Guy informed the board that he will get a price together and bring maps for the current work to the next meeting. Comm. Hileman reported that residents have voiced their concerns regarding campers, grass and vehicles. He requested that Atty. Belt review the ordinance to verify the village's rights regarding vehicles and businesses being run out of homes. The village needs to get this cleaned up so the ordinance may need to be updated.

Comm. Serena – reported that for a number of years the Lions club has supplied the Village with lights for the Christmas tree. The Lions club needs more storage and asked if the village could store them. Comm. Serena made motion to accept the donation of the lights and ornaments to be used year after year second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Engineer Christensen – Had no report.

Clerk Pasternak – Had no report.

Mayor Wise – reminded the board of the special meeting on Wednesday September 11, 2013.

At 7:20 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on probable or imminent litigation authorized pursuant to Section (2)(c)(11) of The Open Meetings Act second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:23 p.m. Comm. Hileman made motion to reconvene, second by Hibler. Roll call-ayes: Hibler, Hileman, Serena and Wise. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 8:24 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner