Monday, December 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: Dick Hileman, Rob Wolf and Mike Serena. Also in attendance were Atty. Brad Nolden and Guy Christensen with Chamlin & Associates. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 25, 2013 were presented. Comm. Serena made motion to approve the minutes as written second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The financial report for the month of November was presented Comm. Hileman requested that the financial report be tabled until the next meeting giving him time to verify the transferring of funds to TIF II and IMRF.

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

Public Comments – Mr. Don Phillips reported that he received $40 for Diamond tornado relief at the tree lighting ceremony Sunday night. Mr. Craig Parks thanked the village for the free water bill Christmas present.
Mrs. Pat Malinowski thanked Comm. Serena and all his helpers for decorating the tree.

Agenda – Craig and Patty Parks addressed the board with an update on the bathroom at the flea market, letting them know that he is still waiting for the landlord to complete the trenching so the plumbing lines can be run. Mr. Parks then questioned if it would be possible to place a large sign on the old gas station property. The board informed him that he would need to check with the building inspector for current codes relating to size and height of signs. Mr. Parks asked who will be representing the village at the Red Carpet Corridor meetings, stating that they are willing to volunteer and help. Comm. Serena told them that Mayor Wise passes out the current year item from the old jail. Discussion began about the possibility of a carnival in town during Red Carpet Corridor, with Comm. Hileman and Comm. Serena explaining past festivals, volunteers and loss of funds the past few years they were held. Mr. and Mrs. Parks stated that they are looking at turning Gardner into a hot spot during Red Carpet Corridor instead of people just driving thru.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – Atty. Nolden reported that they are working on a draft of a revised employment policy, it was suggested that some changes be made to update it reflecting the at will nature.

Comm. Hileman – reported to the board regarding the tax levy and the 50% abatement. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the tax levy as it's been three years prior second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Hileman then explained conversations with Tom Jacobs and Guy Christensen regarding the water line project to finish removing the white pipe stating that if the board would like 67 to 70% of the funds can be paid out of TIF I with the balance coming out of general fund. Approximately $200,000 would be coming out of general and approximately $300,000 coming out of TIF. Comm. Serena made motion to let Chamlin begin the bid process on replacing the balance of the white pipe second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Comm. Hileman made motion to give full time personnel a $150.00 and part time a $75.00 Christmas bonus which is to come out of the video gaming fund second by Serena Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Hileman then made motion for full time personnel to receive Christmas Eve and New Years Eve afternoon off with pay, unless there is an emergency and then the four (4) hours will be taken on a different day second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Serena – reported that the maintenance personnel got out and cleaned the roads early, there was a problem with the truck which has been taken care of so things are looking good.

Comm. Wolf – had no report.

Engineer Christensen – had no report.

Clerk Pasternak – had no report.

Mayor Wise – nominated Terry Jensen for commissioner. Comm. Hileman made motion to appoint Terry Jensen as commissioner second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Oath of office will be done at the next meeting.

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 7:27 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner