December 23, 2013

Monday, December 23, 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 was Atty. Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of December 9, 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 made motion to approve the financial report second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills for December 23, 2013 were presented. Wolf 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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the board for the free water bill. Mrs. Ida Schopp also thanked the board for the free water bill. Brad Kingma expressed his thanks to the board for the free water bill and the Christmas bonus.

Agenda – Mayor Wise recommended Terry Jensen to fill the commissioner position vacated by Jim Hibler. 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. Following oath of office Commissioner Jensen took his seat.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – updated the board on the concealed carry law letting them know that there is a law in effect which enables the board as an employer to pass an ordinance prohibiting employees from carrying a concealed weapon while at work.

Comm. Hileman – Brought the board up to date on Main Street and the meeting he attended on December 19, 2013 at 4:00 pm with the county. He informed the board that there is a new chairman of the highway committee and he seems very willing to listen. Following the meeting the county has patched Main Street. Main Street is not on the agenda to be re blacktopped until 2017. The railroad crossing at Main Street was also discussed reminding the county that Main Street is the sole jurisdiction of the county.

Comm. Jensen - Atty. Belt reminded Comm. Jensen that he will need to complete the open meeting training and the statement of economic interest form.

Comm. Serena – welcomed Comm. Jensen and expressed his gratitude for the way in which the village and fire district work together. Comm. Serena thanked Atty. Belt and Comm. Hileman for their work on Main Street and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Comm. Wolf – Welcomed Comm. Jensen.

Engineer Christensen – was not present.

Clerk Pasternak – had no report.

Mayor Wise – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and announced that Rick Marketti won 1st place, Alan Patterson 2nd and Mark Hahn 3rd in the home decorating contest.

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 7:13 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner