Monday, July 14, 2014 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: Rob Wolf, Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman and Mike Serena. Also present was Atty. Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of June 23, 2014 were presented. Comm. Serena made motion to approve the minutes as written second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Hileman, Jensen, Serena, Wolf and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for July 14, 2014 were presented. Comm. Hileman moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mrs. Sharon Pickles spoke to the board thanking them for having the wooden flea market sign at O'Hare towing moved off the village easement. Mrs. Pickles expressed her views regarding the sign on the fire truck at O'Hare, the miscellaneous items there that need to be cleaned up, and trucks pulling in off Main Street. Discussion followed about cleaning up town, and zoning code with reference to uninhabitable homes or businesses. Mrs. Ida Schopp thanked the board again for the additional cabinets.

Agenda – Comm. Hileman explained the budget and appropriation ordinance noting that the major changes were an increase in police services and the removal of the GO bond. Comm. Hileman made motion to approve the budget and appropriation ordinance second by Jensen. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Following an explanation of the addendum page for the refuse/recycle contract Comm. Hileman made motion to sign the renewal second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – Comm. Hileman presented a quote from Fatlan in the amount of $2,750.00 to put in a ditch by Mr. Holt's property to help get rid of the flooding problem. Following discussion of the issue which included the owners of the apartments helping pay for the ditch and Atty. Belt continuing to try locating the owners of the apartments it was decided to place the matter on the next agenda so action could be taken.

Atty. Belt – had no report.

Comm. Hileman – had no report.

Comm. Jensen – had no report.

Comm. Serena – reported that he has spoken with maintenance personnel regarding trimming trees. Comm. Serena commented on Atty. Belt's participation in placing a flag on an artificial reef in the Florida Keys. Atty. Belt stated it was an honor to be part of the project which went off without a problem.

Comm. Wolf – had no report.

Engineer Christensen – was absent.

Clerk Pasternak – reported to the board that the zoning board wanted to know if an ordinance or resolution needed to be put in place pertaining to the used clothing containers throughout town. A brief discussion followed with Comm. Hileman agreeing to contact the Lutheran Church regarding the issue.

Mayor Wise – had no report.

At 7:35 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 pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/(2)(c)(1) and pending litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/(2)(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act, Atty. Belt requested that probable and or imminent litigation also be added to 5 ILCS 120/(2)(c)(11) second by Jensen. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Serena, Wolf and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried

At 8:33 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to reconvene, second by Wolf. Roll call-ayes: Serena, Hileman, Jensen, Wolf and Wise. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Officer Black with Grundy County gave the June calls report.

Discussion was held regarding the permit fee for signs, clean up at O'Hare Towing, and the expansion of Casey's which is getting ready to go through.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hileman seconded by Comm. Jensen, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner