Monday, August 11, 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 July 28, 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 July was tabled.

The current bills for August 11, 2014 were presented. Comm. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mr. Don Phillips informed the board that the donation box located on village easement has been moved onto the Lutheran Church's property. Mr. Phillips also expressed his views on how disturbing it is that one person's complaints about one box is more important than the good that box does for the village and the people that receive the donations. The rule of minority rather than rule of majority is a dangerous slope to travel. Mrs. Ida Schopp reported that she had the pleasure of conversing with four people from Paris who greatly appreciated the jail and dinner.

Agenda – Barb Baker passed out information to the board which included a copy of the Fire district TIF agreement, ordinance M-139, Tax Increment Finance reporting guide, FY 14 Fire district operating and TIF bank statements and a letter she sent to Tom Jacobs. Ms. Baker then began discussion on these items and questioned exactly which state statue or act allows payment of TIF funds to the schools and the fire district as she feels that these are not paid in compliance with section q. Ms. Baker also asked for a breakdown of the year-end TIF funds and which specific section allowed the village to borrow TIF money for other things. Comm. Hileman explained different parts of the TIF process and informed her that he will try to get answers to her questions and report back.
Comm. Hileman made motion to extend for 5 years from November 9, 2014 the agreement with the Church of Hope to do the parking lot second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – Atty. Nolden requested executive session at the end of the meeting.

Comm. Hileman – reported that he has redone some CD's. Comm. Hileman also requested that a letter be sent to Mary's Pantry asking that the clothes collection box be moved off village property within 24 hours. Barb Baker informed the board that most of the companies that place these boxes are for profit companies and volunteered to collect names and phone numbers.

Comm. Jensen – Asked to meet with Dean Rankovich following the meeting as he has been approached about a home on Main Street. Comm. Jensen informed Brad Kingma that he may want to check out Future Tree service as there appears to be a lot of water in their driveway. Mrs. Sharon Pickles questioned the gravel at Future Tree Service as well as the camper parked in the front yard. Discussion followed if a permit would be needed for them to spread the gravel, and if that is county easement. Comm. Jensen asked residents to keep an eye out for excess water in yards and on streets.

Comm. Serena – read a request from Vino's asking for the use of the parking lot for a craft show on September 7, 2014. Comm. Hileman made motion to allow the use of the parking lot second by Jensen. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried. Comm. Serena reported that work on Pine Street should begin tomorrow.

Comm. Wolf – reported that he will check out the gravel at Future Tree Service and has a few other letters to send out.

Engineer Christensen – had no report.

Clerk Pasternak – had no report

Mayor Wise – had no report.

At 8:04 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion on probable, imminent or pending litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/(2)(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act, second by Jensen. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Hileman, Serena, Wolf and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried

At 8:35 p.m. Atty. Nolden reconvened regular session.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Serena seconded by Comm. Jensen, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner