Monday, September 8, 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: Terry Jensen, Dick Hileman and Mike Serena. Also present was Atty. Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of August 25, 2014 were presented. Comm. Serena made motion to approve the minutes as written second by Jensen. Roll call-Ayes: Hileman, Jensen, Serena and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for September 8, 2014 were presented. Comm. Jensen moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Linda Tyler reported to the board that everyone enjoyed having the historical archives open on Sunday during the craft show and that they received new items for the archives. Gary Morris thanked all the board members that came and supported the Fire District at the chicken dinner fund raiser. Mr. Morris let the board know that the support was greatly appreciated and that no tax payer dollars were used for the fund raiser.
Sharon Pickles thanked the board for getting the fire truck removed from O'Hare towing. Mrs. Pickles questioned when the rest of the items would be removed. Dean Rankovich informed her that he has been in contact with Mrs. Cooper and that the rest of the items will be moved to the back and only one item placed out front at a time for sale. Mrs. Pickles questioned O'Hare being allowed to sell vehicles and Mr. Rankovich informed her that they have a license to sell vehicles that have been towed and not claimed to recoup their money.

Agenda – Bill Mennie explained the proposed medical cannabis cultivation facility that they are looking at putting on Lenzie property between Gardner Road, Gorman Road and Howland Road. Discussion was held regarding the size of the facility, amending the current zoning ordinance to list medical cannabis cultivation and distribution, the number of new jobs, water and sewer, security and all the current state requirements for such a facility. Dean Rankovich stated that Mr. Mennie's operation in Mark, IL is a very impressive facility. Mr. Mennie would be putting in state of the art water and sanitation systems at no expense to the village, if they are allowed by the state to open in Gardner. The requirements for such a facility are very strict, they must have security that goes directly to the state police, cannot be closer than 2,500 feet to a residential area, and marijuana cannot be grown out in the open. Not only will this bring in new jobs the added benefit for the village is additional taxes and after the first few years Mr. Mennie wants to donate additional funds to the village to do with as they need. Comm. Serena made motion for the village to move forward with the necessary letters, Comm. Hileman added to the motion for Atty. Belt to go ahead with the necessary zoning changes second by Hileman. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Officer Black reported on the calls handled by the Sheriff's department in August. Comm. Jensen stated that the extra patrols at Jackson and Main have really helped.

Unfinished Business – Comm. Serena questioned if the issue of having chickens should be tabled as Comm. Wolf is absent. Atty. Belt informed the board that two places within code cover poultry and both state that they are not allowed. Comm. Jensen made motion to table the issue second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Hileman and Wise. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Atty. Belt – had no report.

Comm. Hileman – reported that he will be moving some money into three or six month CD's.

Comm. Jensen – reported that Stott is getting things completed and they will be moving north on Jefferson.

Comm. Serena – reported that following water leak repairs on South Jackson road repairs need to be done and questioned if this could be added in as Stott finishes the current project; Comm. Hileman stated they could if it has settled enough.

Comm. Wolf – was absent.

Engineer Christensen – was absent.

Clerk Pasternak – reported that the route 66 bike rack is slated to be ready for pick up in October, and that she has forms to complete which include the village's local match portion. Dean Rankovich stated that he will go pick the rack up, Clerk Pasternak stated that donation time can be used as part of the village's match portion.

Mayor Wise – had no report.

Mr. Don Phillips reported that there is a light out on Depot Street, Comm. Jensen thought there was also one out on Liberty Street. Discussion began regarding properties that need to be cleaned up which included behind Crystal's Creations and a home on Elm. Comm. Hileman requested that letters be sent on both of them. Mrs. Pickles questioned the boats at the flea market and let the board know that Mrs. Parks informed crafters on Sunday that she will be having a craft show once a month. Mr. Rankovich informed the board that he is done dealing with the renter he gets a different story from him all the time and that a letter is being sent to the owner of the property over an added window without a permit. Comm. Hileman stressed that the corner of Main and 53 needs to be cleaned up, it is the first thing people see coming into town. Additional discussion was held on O'Hare towing with Mrs. Pickles stating that she understands that they need to recoup their money but she doesn't want one vehicle for sale to turn into more.

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 8:13 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner