Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Dick Hileman called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call-Commissioners: Rob Wolf, Terry Jensen and Mike Serena. Also present was Atty. Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of October 27, 2014 were presented. Comm. Serena made motion to approve the minutes as printed second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for November 10, 2014 were presented. Comm. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Jensen and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mrs. Ida Schopp requested that the conference room be opened following the Veterans Day ceremony, Comm. Jensen informed her that he will open it for her. Mrs. Schopp also inquired about who would be organizing the tree lighting ceremony. Comm. Serena informed her that he will be putting the lights on the tree again this year and asked for her help with the ceremony.
Mrs. Schopp let the board know that some money is needed and stated that if anyone wanted to donate it would be appreciated. Mayor pro-tem Hileman informed her that the board would see what it could do as there is another meeting prior to the ceremony.
Mr. Tom Perkins and Mayor pro-tem Hileman discussed a route 66 organization out of Springfield that would like us to join.
Mr. Don Phillips asked if a commissioner could place the wreath at the Veterans Day ceremony, which will be held at the fire station at 11:00 am as Mayor Wise is in the hospital.

Agenda – Upon review of the 2015 meeting schedule Mayor pro-tem Hileman stated that he would cancel the October 12, 2015 and possibly the December 28th meetings due to the holidays but those are the only changes he could see. Comm. Serena made motion to accept the 2015 meeting schedule with the cancellation of the October 12, 2015 meeting second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Jensen and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – had no report.

Comm. Jensen – reported that a resident has moved out of town and while nice and thankful that she received a return phone call doesn't feel that she should have to pay a minimum bill for a final bill. Discussion followed about possible solutions and pro rating bills.

Comm. Serena – reported that the bike rack has been picked up and that come spring a pad will probably need to be put in. Comm. Serena informed the board that he has spoken with the Grundy County Transit and they have just started putting advertising signs on the sides of the buses. Running an ad would cost approximately $1,500 plus the cost of the vinyl and labor to install. An ad is for two sides of a bus and it could be two different buses, the county would have final say on the ad and what is allowed. The board asked that Comm. Serena obtain more information on the issue.

Comm. Wolf – explained that he has had some issues with Mr. Nicoletti therefore has asked Mayor pro-tem Hileman to take over with 207 Liberty. Discussion was held regarding the condition of the property, the letters sent, the owners looking into ways of getting rid of the tenant or cleaning up the property, the tenant's attitude and messages left for Mayor pro-tem Hileman. The board asked Atty. Belt to get involved with getting rid of the tenant.

Engineer Christensen – was absent.

Clerk Pasternak – had no report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hileman – let the board know that thank you notes have been received from the High school, the Lions club, the senior citizens and the Lutheran church for the donations approved at the previous meeting. The people are very appreciative and he feels the board made a good decision when deciding to use the gambling money for donations.
Mayor pro-tem Hileman reported that Mayor Wise is back in the hospital.

At 7:42 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 Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried

At 8:33 p.m. Comm. Serena made motion to reconvene regular session second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried

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 8:33 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner