Monday, December 8, 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 were Atty. Scott Belt and Guy Christensen with Chamlin and Associates. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of November 24, 2014 were presented. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the minutes as printed second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The current bills for December 8, 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 – Brad Kingma thanked the board for the free water bill. Don Phillips thanked everyone for the help with the tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Phillips informed the board that there was a good turnout. Mayor Pro-tem Hileman stated there was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed seeing Santa inside. The owner of the establishment was very thankful and wishes to be included in activities such as this more often.

Agenda – Mayor Pro-tem Hileman explained the home decorating prizes, sign material costs and that the money for this will come from the video gaming fund. Comm. Serena made motion to approve the home decorating awards of $100, $75 and $50 as well as sign costs second by Jensen. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Jensen and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Mayor Pro-tem Hileman informed the board that maintenance personnel collect and turn in scrap metal and batteries throughout the year. Deposits to the scrap metal fund include $6.00 in batteries on 10/18/13, $575.00 of scrap metal on 10/24/13, $415.00 of scrap metal and on 11/5/13 $8.65 of scrap metal. With the current balance in the scrap metal fund being $1,004.65 he would like to give full time employees a $100 Christmas bonus and the part time employee a $75 Christmas bonus. Full Time employees 4 hours off Christmas eve and 4 hours off New years eve, the day after Christmas and the day after New Years off, Becky 4 hours off the day after Christmas and the day after New Years. If there is a snow storm the maintenance personnel would work and take the time off another day, also no overtime for coming in to do the water and sewer plants as they are already being paid. Comm. Serena made motion to approve the bonuses and days off 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 the pipe is in on Railroad and Lincoln streets and asked that the residents try to conserve water on Tuesday while repairs are being made at the water plant.

Comm. Serena – Thanked Steve Price, Jackie Serena, Ida Schopp, Jim Riley, Don Phillips, Allison Serena, Domenic Serena and the fire district for all the help with the tree lighting.

Comm. Wolf – expressed his desire to get new businesses to come in ahead of time so everyone is aware of the type of business and the business owner is aware of what is allowed. Discussion followed on the type of permits and licenses within the village, not discouraging new business or people being able to work on their homes, ordinances that are in place and possibly putting business licenses in place. Atty. Belt explained the options and that Gardner has done some very good ground work for businesses and is proactively working on bringing in new businesses. Mayor pro-tem Hileman addressed the issue of the CDAP money, discussion followed on the guidelines, amount of money in the account, how a business would get the money and the fact that the state may ask for the money back.

Engineer Christensen – has no report but does need information on the water project.

Clerk Pasternak – thanked the board for the free water bill and the Christmas bonus.

Grundy county sheriff explained the recent calls within the village.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hileman – reported that the Supreme Court will not hear the case with the school so a check was issued to the school in the amount of $69,232.77 and $6,577.16 for interest due with a letter asking that Mayor Pro-tem Hileman be contacted if there were any problems. Mayor Pro-tem Hileman then explained additional issues Mr. Perrott had with TIF payments, who and how TIF payments are

calculated and the fact that the school hasn't double checked the latest TIF and interest payment so he is not sure where things stand right now.
Mayor pro-tem Hileman explained that the animal control contract has come in and asked that a copy be put in each mail box for review and that the tax levy ordinance will be on the next agenda for approval prior to the last Tuesday in December. Comm. Serena asked if he could receive some of the animal control reports, Mayor pro-tem Hileman explained the calls reported and the cost as compared to surrounding towns and villages.
Mayor pro-tem Hileman reported that a case has been filed and a hearing is to be held at the Grundy county court house on January 16 at 9 am regarding the issues at Crystal's. He asked that the board keep a watch to see if the renter is in fact living there. Discussion was held on the amount that has been cleaned up, whether or not he is living there, the mess coming back and the length of time the village has been working on the issue.

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Serena seconded by Comm. Wolf, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner