December 22, 2014

Monday, December 22, 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 December 8, 2014 were presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the minutes as printed second by Serena. Roll call-Ayes: Jensen, Serena, Wolf and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills for December 22, 2014 were presented. Following an explanation of the bills by Mayor Pro-tem Hileman Comm. Serena moved to approve the payment of the bills second by Jensen. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Jensen and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Mrs. Ida Schopp addressed the board regarding the home decorating contest letting them know that it was a difficult decision but the judging has been done and the prizes will be awarded tomorrow night. Mrs. Schopp also let the board know that she had a wonderful visit with Mayor Wise and recommended that the village do something to honor him for all the wonderful years of service he has provided the village. Mayor Pro-tem Hileman stated that he will take it upon himself to do something before the holidays, and the board will take it under advisement in the spring on how to honor Mayor Wise.
Kate Cloonen informed the board that her main office is in Kankakee but if the village needs help on the state level to contact her.

Agenda – Mayor Pro-tem Hileman explained that the tax levy hasn't been raised. Comm. Serena made motion to approve the tax levy second by Wolf. Roll call-Ayes: Serena, Wolf, Jensen and Hileman. Nays: none. Motion carried.
The animal control contract was tabled pending further research on reducing the price.

Unfinished Business – None.

Atty. Belt – questioned if the village still had a bond. Mayor pro-tem Hileman reported that the bond has been paid off. Atty. Belt also reported that there have been some changes to the FOIA act.

Comm. Jensen – reported that Stott will be working on East and Lincoln streets tomorrow and that the water will be shut off. Following discussion it was decided to wait until Friday due to the holiday.

Comm. Serena – Presented a possible picture for the bus advertising, informing the board that village businesses could be added along the bottom for a fee. Comm. Serena wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Comm. Wolf – Wished everyone a safe and happy holiday

Engineer Christensen – had no report but expressed his wish to help honor Mayor Wise.

Clerk Pasternak – had no report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hileman – explained reports he has received from the Federal Reserve and Standard bank. Mayor Pro-tem Hileman presented the list of residents that have expressed their thanks for the free water bill. Mayor Pro-tem Hileman wished everyone a nice holiday.

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 7:19 p.m.

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Becky L. Pasternak, Clerk
Village of Gardner