GARDNER VILLAGE BOARD
March 9, 2015

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., Commissioner Dick Hileman called to order the regular meeting of the Gardner Village Board in the Village Hall Council Chambers. Roll call-Commissioners: Terry Jensen, Rob Wolf, James Riley. Mayor Serena was absent. Also present was Atty. Scott Belt. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of February 27, 2015 were presented. Comm. Jensen made motion to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Wolf, Hileman, Riley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The financial report for February 2015 was presented. Comm. Wolf made motion to approve the financial report, second by Riley. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Wolf, Hileman, Riley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The current bills for March 9, 2015 were presented. Comm. Jensen moved to approve the payment of the bills, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Wolf, Hileman, Riley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Residents Dan and James Alexander have a local car club and requested permission to use the Depot Street parking lot for a car and tractor show on Saturday, May 2, in conjunction with the Route 66 Red Carpet festival, for the same hours as the festival (8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.). They assured the board that no alcohol would be permitted at the show. Any fee revenue generated is to go back to the community, recipient to be determined. Comm. Jensen made motion, second by Wolf. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Wolf, Hileman, Riley. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ida Schopp congratulated Comm. Riley. She also requested permission to use the gazebo for the Church of Hope Rock-a-thon on Sunday, May 3, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Comm. Jensen made motion, second by Wolf, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Ida also mentioned that the Archives would be open on Wednesday, March 11, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., and presented a scrapbook page that she prepared in memory of Mayor Wise.

Agenda –

Unfinished Business – None.

Reports –

Motor Fuel Fund audit was completed and Gardner is in compliance.

Atty. Belt – had no report.

Comm. Jensen – Requested that residents please remove leaves and other debris from storm drains and keep them clear now that the snow is melting.

Comm. Wolf – had no report.

Comm. Riley – had no report.

Comm. Hileman – Gardner has higher animal control calls than other communities and he is looking into ways to control them, although calls overall are lower than previous years. With a motion by Comm. Wolf, second by Riley, Animal Control Contract was approved through November 30. Roll call - Ayes: Jensen, Wolf, Hileman, Riley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Comm. Hileman also made mention of loss of revenue to the Village from the State of Illinois, of approximately $200,000 per year due to Governor Rauner's budget cuts. The Governor is also proposing a 2-3 year moratorium on raising real estate taxes. Therefore, the Village will focus on what is needed rather than what is wanted, i.e., water over sidewalks. He asked that each commissioner write letters to the governor, as well as state senators and representatives, to express their concerns.

Nicor is planning to redo a gas line on Cedar, and AT&T will be doing approximately 1200 feet of boring in town in May/June. We have experienced problems with AT&T previously that are not discovered until they leave town, so he is proposing that we require that an engineer is on site while they are working or they put up a bond to cover any expenses incurred.

Engineer Christensen – absent.

Clerk Malinowski – A thank you card was received from the Wise family.

Mayor Serena – Absent

As there was no further business brought before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Wolf, seconded by Comm. Jensen, all signified by saying aye. No one opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Pat Malinowski, Clerk
Village of Gardner