

**VILLAGE OF GARLAND**  
**GARLAND, NEBRASKA 68360**  
**Regular Meeting – January 2, 2024 – 7:00P.M.**

1. **Pledge:** The meeting was opened by saying the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Call meeting to order/roll call:** Marilyn Patsch called the meeting to order. Present: Jake Bennett, Jason Swerczek, Jeremy Lewis, Marilyn Patsch, and Tylor Jamison. Absent: none.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Lewis to waive the reading of the minutes to the December 5, 2023, regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. All aye. Motion by Lewis to accept and approve these minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. All aye.
4. **Claims:** Motion by Lewis to waive the reading of the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. All aye. Motion by Lewis to approve and pay these claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. All aye.
5. **Joel Ludwig - Planning Commission:**  
**Building #76/Kevin Kirkland/1879 196<sup>th</sup> Rd.:** Kirkland is currently not in compliance in accordance to the permit and code. Kirkland said this is a smaller portion of a bigger project so he is going to submit blueprints to the Planning Commission for their review and to come up with a solution.  
The Planning Commission is going to put together a package with about ½ dozen revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for public comment and the Board to review. The Village needs to have a consistently applied code.
6. **Wayne Regnier – Water/Sewer/Maintenance:** General: Burn Site will be locked for the winter, contact Regnier to unlock it. Installed an outlet at the marquee sign for the Christmas lights displayed in the bushes, trees. NPPD to take down Christmas decorations tomorrow. Water: Regnier is attending the annual conference in Lincoln for continuing education hours: January 10-12, 2024. Street: 1 snow removal, Swerczek helped. Park: East gate post repaired. Bryce Standley helped weld this as well as a part on the tractor.
7. **Old Business - ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Update:** This will be tabled until a decision is made about the Village tractor.  
- **employee wages:** Patsch handed out the employee reviews. Motion by Lewis to give Regnier and Ulrich a 3% raise beginning immediately. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. All aye.
8. **Garland Volunteer Fire Department: compensation for services:** Mike Luebbe went over the information on the handout. The individual's insurance, not the individual, will be billed for the services rendered. This is expected to be implemented in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024. Motion by Lewis to have the Garland Volunteer Fire Department set up an account at Jones Bank for the specific use for only the service compensation received for fire and rescue calls and that the Village Chairperson, Village Clerk, and the Garland Volunteer Fire Department Secretary/Treasurer be the signatures on the account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. All aye.
9. **Introduction and Passage of Ordinance 2024-01 Increasing Village Water Rates:** ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 was introduced and read by Lewis. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF GARLAND, NEBRASKA, INCREASING WATER RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF WATER FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE GOES INTO FORCE AND EFFECT. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GARLAND, NEBRASKA: Section 1. That the Village of Garland is hereby adopting Ordinance No. 2024-01. Section 2. The following is established as a tariff of water rates for resident consumers of water from the water works system of the Village of Garland, based on a monthly rate. Effective March 1, 2024, for resident users, the service charge per month for water service shall be as follows: \$55.00. In addition to the above monthly service charge, a fee of four dollars & fifty cents (\$4.50) per 1,000 gallons of water used is hereby established. Section 3. This ordinance shall go into force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law. Motion by Lewis to pass Ordinance 2024-01. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tylor. All aye.

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- 10. Introduction and Passage of Ordinance 2024-02 Increasing Village Sewer Rates:** ORDINANCE NO.2024-02 was introduced and read by Lewis. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF GARLAND, NEBRASKA, INCREASING SEWER RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF SEWER FROM THE SEWER DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE GOES INTO FORCE AND EFFECT. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GARLAND, NEBRASKA: Section 1. That the Village of Garland is hereby adopting Ordinance No. 2024-02 Section 2. The following is established as a tariff of sewer rates for resident consumers of sewer from the sewer works system of the Village of Garland, based on a monthly rate. Effective March 1, 2024, for resident users, the service charge per month for sewer service shall be as follows: \$33.00. Section 3. This ordinance shall go into force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law. Motion by Lewis to pass Ordinance 2024-02. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. All aye.
- 11. Village of Garland Income – building permit/variance current fee, next steps for sales tax, liquor/tobacco license fee:**  
There was discussion of implementing a sales tax in Garland. Ulrich is to get more information from Damman.
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- 14. Announcements:** Motion by Jamison to have the Village Tractor repaired using the estimate from Osceola Implement and the amount is not to exceed \$10,120.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis. All aye.
- 15. Adjournment:** Motion by Bennett to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis. All aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

  
Village Clerk/Treasurer