

**VILLAGE OF GARLAND**  
**GARLAND, NEBRASKA 68360**  
**Regular Meeting – March 5, 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 February 6, 2024, regular meeting and the February 20, 2024 special meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swerczek, Jamison, Bennett, Jamison, and Lewis. Motion carried. Motion by Jamison to accept and approve these minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swerczek, Jamison, Bennett, Jamison, and Lewis. Motion carried.
4. **Claims:** Motion by Lewis to waive the reading of the claims with the addition. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. All aye. Motion by Lewis to approve and pay these claims with the addition. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swerczek, Jamison, Bennett, Jamison, and Lewis. Motion carried.
5. **Joel Ludwig - Planning Commission:** Patsch swore in Jackie Noxon as the new Planning Commission Chairman at the last Planning Commission meeting. Noxon is currently attending the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association Conference in Kearney.  
**Building Permit #76: 1879 196<sup>th</sup> Rd/Kirkland:** This permit is in compliance. The Planning Commission is recommending to the Board to close the permit. Motion by Lewis to close out Building Permit #76. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swerczek, Jamison, Bennett, Jamison, and Lewis. Motion carried.  
**Building Permit #79: 421 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Suellwold:** Motion by Lewis to approve Building Permit #79. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swerczek, Jamison, Bennett, Jamison, and Lewis. Motion carried.  
**Building Permit #80: 1998 Waverly Rd/Beckmann:** Motion by Swerczek to approve Building Permit #80. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swerczek, Jamison, Bennett, Jamison, and Lewis. Motion carried.  
**Building Permit #81: Al Meyer/demolition of Garland school:** Motion by Lewis to approve Building Permit #81. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Swerczek, Jamison, Bennett, Jamison, and Lewis. Motion carried.  
**Proposed Changes to Garland Ordinances:** Ludwig reviewed the list of 7 proposed ordinances amending the current zoning ordinances and Village code. The Board agreed with the changes. Damman is to prepare the Ordinances to be introduced and voted on at the next Village Board meeting.
6. **Wayne Regnier – Water/Sewer/Maintenance:** General: All of the concrete has been removed at the burn site and taken to the lagoons. Concrete should not be taken to the burn site. Water: Water sample came back negative. Fire hydrant at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Black is leaking, estimate of \$6-7,000.00 to replace. Since the Fire Department does not draw from this hydrant the Board agreed to have it capped. Street: Craig Beck completed the sealing of the cracks on the streets, there were some new cracks. The asphalt is drying out, a slurry coat should be installed in the future. Ballfield/Park: Regnier put 4 parking bumpers around the basketball court to keep people from driving on it. Rod Bromwich stated he had old telephone poles that the Village can have to put around the rest of the court. Regnier also put 2 concrete slabs at the concession stand windows to prevent mud. The playground equipment should be inspected, bolts tightened, checking for cracks.
7. **Old Business:**  
**Village audit:** It was discussed that two Board members would be able to meet with Jamie Kozisek on a free consultant basis to identify and discuss the inflow and outflow of Village monies. The Village does have an annual audit completed by Romans, Weimer & Associates. Swerczek would like to know the cost of these audits.  
**Ballfield electricity:** Regnier provided 2 quotes for the concession stand electricity to have a separate service. These quotes were over \$3,000.00 each and he is going to see if there is a better price out there. This will be tabled for now. Garland Youth Sports provided a \$1,200.00 check to the Village for 2024 electricity costs. Since there was no agreement for this, this will be discussed at agenda item #13.  
**Process for approving Village projects:** Ulrich and Regnier are to create a form for projects that will be performed in the Village. Regnier is to take care of routine maintenance and project needs to be brought before the Board for approval.  
**ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Update:** The invoice from HOA Solutions for \$3,498.38 for eWon remote access will be taken out of the ARPA funds. Ulrich gave an update on these funds.



**Village of Garland Income: building permit/variance current fee, next steps for sales tax, liquor/tobacco license fee:**

The Board agreed to keep the building permit/variance current fees as they are. The next steps for sales tax are: Damman is to present a Resolution at the next Village Board meeting with a sales tax rate of 1%. This will then need to be submitted to the County Clerk to get on the November 2024 ballot. The Board agreed to not double the liquor license fees of the businesses in the Village. There are no tobacco licenses in the Village.

**Discussion of Village credit card limit:** Cattle National Bank has nothing to do with the Visa card that they offer and the card just has their name on it, so the Board agreed to stay with the Visa card company that the Village currently uses. Motion by Bennett to increase the limit of each Village Visa to \$1,000.00 per month. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, Lewis, and Swerczek. Motion carried.

8. **Survey Record re: remaining portion of the east one half of the northeast ¼, lying south of the vacated Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, located in the northeast ¼ section 8 T!!N R4E of the sixth p.m:** The Beckmann's have purchased this property and the survey showed that the scoreboard and a portion of the ballfield lights are within the boundary line of the property that they just purchased. The Beckmann's are donating this property to the Village, the property will be surveyed, the boundary line should have a 4' distance for Village maintenance. Beckmann's would also like to have the newly planted trees relocated; the Board is fine with that.
9. **Waive reading Ordinance 2024-01 and Ordinance 2024-02 on 3 separate occasions and to ratify the approval of these two Ordinances:** Motion by Lewis to waive reading Ordinance 2024-01 on 3 separate occasions and to ratify the approval of this ordinance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, Lewis, and Swerczek. Motion carried. Motion by Lewis to waive reading Ordinance 2024-02 on 3 separate occasions and to ratify the approval of this ordinance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, Lewis, and Swerczek. Motion carried.
10. **Wayne Regnier: American Legion trophy case to be relocated to Village Hall:** The Legion is getting a new chair rack and would like to put it where the current trophy case is and have the trophy case and memorabilia be relocated to the bank. The Board is fine with this. Memorabilia that is displayed upstairs in the bank will also be relocated to this trophy case for everyone to enjoy.
11. **Wayne Regnier: budgeting for a Village tractor:** The Board would like to think about this and have it tabled to discuss in the future.
12. **Wayne Regnier: quote from Midwest Concrete Coatings for Fire Hall floor:** Discussion of the quote from Midwest Concrete Coatings for \$7,779.00 to remove existing floor and then sealcoat it. The Garland Volunteer Fire Department will discuss this item at their next meeting.
13. **Garland Youth Sports:** Motion by Swerczek for Damman to draw up a contract for Garland Youth Sports to pay the Village of Garland \$750.00 a month from March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. This is for electricity usage, water usage, maintenance, cleaning, mowing, and operating supplies such as toilet paper and paper towels. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, Lewis, and Swerczek. Motion carried. There was a check written to the Village of Garland from Garland Youth Sports for \$1,200.00 for the 2024 electricity use. That check has already been deposited. There was no previous agreement for electricity use. Motion by Jamison to have the \$1,200.00 check written by Garland Youth Sports to the Village of Garland be used for the following: the survey fee (approximately \$500.00) for the property that the Beckmann's are donating to the Village and that the remainder of the money will go toward the March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 monthly rental fee of \$750.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, Lewis, and Swerczek. Motion carried.
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17. **Announcements:** John Culver: Encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming meeting March 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm at the Seward Library regarding the Broadband 101 How to Advocate for Better Internet Connectivity. Seward Saline County Solid Waste meetings new policy of payments - if the town's check is not picked in person after one year the check is voided. The Village is to keep track of the time it takes to fill out the Upper Big Blue paperwork and turn it in to him.
18. **Adjournment:** Motion by Bennett to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, Lewis, and Swerczek. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

  
Village Clerk/Treasurer