

**VILLAGE OF GARLAND**  
**GARLAND, NEBRASKA 68360**  
**Regular Meeting – May 7, 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, Marilyn Patsch, and Tylor Jamison. Absent: Jeremy Lewis.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Bennett to waive the reading of the minutes to the April 2, 2024, regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett to accept and approve these minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried.
4. **Claims:** Motion by Bennett to waive the reading of the claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried. Motion by Bennett to approve and pay these claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried.
5. **Planning Commission: -BNSF Railway own 8-11-4Abandoned railroad in N ½ 5.56 AC/Village could acquire or sell:** Ludwig reached out to the contact regarding this property but has not had a response. The property is valued at approximately \$2,400.00 - \$2,500.00. The Village could purchase the property, the Railroad may do a transfer to a municipality, sell the property to Kevin Kirkland, or keep the property and Kirkland have an easement.  
**-Nathan Longacre/247 Hutchinson Street: Building Permit #87:** This permit was filled out and has been paid for and will be submitted at the next Planning Commission meeting for review. Noxon reported that at the Nebraska Planning & Zoning Conference there was discussion of companies that would come to our Village and take care of the blighted and nuisance properties. Noxon also asked for a \$235.00 reimbursement for the fees of this conference, there was no response. Noxon also stated that the \$35.00 annual dues to be a member of the Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association should be paid so the Village could be a current member of this organization, there was no response.  
Building Permit #84/Marion Allgayer/338 Black Street: Motion by Bennett to approve Building Permit #84. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried.  
Building Permit #86/Todd & Marty Mahalek/611 Ryan Street: Motion by Bennett to approve Building Permit #86. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried.  
Randy Tonkinson Parcel: Motion by Jamison to approve to the administrative subdivision drawing/survey for the Randy Tonkinson parcel. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried.
6. **Wayne Regnier – Water/Sewer/Maintenance:** Water: Negative water sample. The Lead Service Line Inventory is due October 16th. Regnier discussed the picture of the water meter pit that houses 3 meters at 1<sup>st</sup> & Black Street, the meter pit needs to be relocated underneath one of the trailers. Two meter have been replaced, difficult for Ulrich to get a read, and this should protect from freezing. The Board would like for Ulrich to send a letter to the owner for the relocation of this meter pit. There was a lightning strike at the water tower during a recent storm. The water system radio and camera system were burnt and gone. Ulrich has filed an insurance claim. There is 1 invoice from SEI and 1 invoice from HOA Solutions, Inc. There is to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice coming for 16 hours of troubleshooting work that HOA did here. The Board would like to wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice from HOA Solutions, Inc. arrives to see what the cost is and then make a decision. General: The original lock has been installed at the burn site. Regnier will continue to open the burn site on the weekends and will open it during the week upon request. Street: Replace stop sign at 1<sup>st</sup> & Frazier Street. Park: Telephone poles donated by Rod Bromwich have been installed. Regnier has planted flowers. Regnier suggests looking at LARM for insurance to see if there is a decrease in price. They do offer a grant program and inspect equipment annually for free. The Board would like for Ulrich is to see what LARM has to offer.
7. **Old Business: - Survey Record re: Beckmann property and Ballfield property:** Ulrich has left 5 voice mails and sent 1 email to this company and has had no response. The Board would like for Ulrich to contact Damman and see if he is able to get a response from the company. If no response, maybe Roger or Toby Beckmann can get a response.

- **Ordinance #2024-05 "snowbirds"**: Motion by Swerczek to waive reading Ordinance No. 2024-05 three times. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2024-05 was introduced and read by Ulrich. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF GARLAND, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE TO ESTABLISH TERMS FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WATER SERVICE AND A DISCONNECT AND RECONNECT FEE 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. 2024-05. Section 2. Any water service customer of the Village of Garland may apply to the Village Clerk for permission to temporarily suspend water service upon the following conditions: a. Submit a written application to the Village Clerk stating that the customer desires to temporarily suspend water service and setting forth the street address of the service and the starting date and ending date for the temporary suspension, which shall be no more than a six-month period in a calendar year. The application shall provide a contact address and phone number for the customer during the temporary suspension period. The residence at which water service is temporarily suspended shall not be occupied during the temporary suspension period; b. The customer must have a zero balance on their water account at the time of the application and at the time water service is resumed; c. Upon receipt of a temporary water service suspension application complying with this section, the Village Clerk shall forward the application to the Village Water/Sewer operator who shall temporarily suspend and resume water service as requested in the application, and; d. The customer shall be required to pay a temporary service suspension fee in the amount of \$25.00 at the time of suspension of service and a reconnect fee of \$25.00 at the time service is resumed. No deposit shall be required to be paid when service is resumed. Section 3. This ordinance shall go into force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law. The requirement set forth in Section 1-606 of the Garland Municipal Code that Ordinances of a general or permanent nature be read by title on three (3) different days is suspended by vote of three fourths (3/4) of the Village Board. Motion by Swerczek to approve Ordinance No. 2024-05. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried.

- **ARPA update/Federal Funding for Water & Sewer Projects**: Ulrich reviewed the updated ARPA handout. This will continue to be an agenda item.

8. **Village of Garland Projects**: Ulrich stated that this will be a standing agenda item for discussion and updates of Village projects. The Board agreed. The new flooring at the Fire Hall is to be installed May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
9. **Nicole Wegman: recommendation that Dallas Schilling become a member of the Garland Volunteer Fire Department**: Motion by Swerczek to approve Dallas Schilling becoming a member of the Garland Volunteer Fire Department. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried.
10. **Rod Bromwich - ideas for income for the Village**: Bromwich stated that the Village should look at the 6 new antennas that have been put on the water tower and start charging those companies for usage of the water tower, instead of receiving free internet service. There should also be an engineer's report showing what the handrail on the water tower will support. The Board would like to look in to this and wants Ulrich to contact Damman regarding the existing contract with Nextlink and the existing equipment on the water tower. Bromwich also made a complaint about the Village Clerk's wage and if the maintenance guy and the clerk should get paid the same rate.
11. **Planning Commission Chairman boundaries**: The Board stated that if there is an issue with a property that it should be brought to them and they will handle the situation. The Planning Commission gives the permits to the Board along with their recommendations and the Board will make their decision from there.
12. **Steve Butler/268 4<sup>th</sup> Street: water service disconnection/reconnection date**: Ulrich stated that water service was interrupted on April 16<sup>th</sup> due to nonpayment and would like to know the next steps moving forward since water is a mandatory utility according to the Ordinance. The Board would like Ulrich to contact DHHS and Swerczek will contact the Fire Marshall.
13. **Village Maintenance**: The Board would like to put a bid in the newspaper for mowing Village property beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> and then look at putting a bid in the newspaper in the fall for snow removal in the Village - how often to mow, hourly rate, and they must have their own equipment.

- 14. Sand being added to the ballfield:** Marty Dlouhy stated that Garland Youth Sports would like to provide the sand that needs to be added to the ballfield. They will get the sand from Birkel Rock & Gravel and hopefully get it laid on the field this weekend. The Board is ok with this. Norris Public Power District is going to install the new ballfield light bulbs replacing the ones that have been out, as well as relocating a no longer made screen cover to one that has been missing.
- 15. Seward County Update:** John Culver said that the Village needs to select a trustee to be appointed as a contact for a grant writing subcommittee, no selection was made. He also talked about a grant writing training for trustees to attend May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10am at the Extension Office in Seward. With all of the rain, the county is working on adding rock to the roads. Seward County had a very good turnout for the Broadband Challenge, this could help with funding this fall. Do not forget the primary election on May 14<sup>th</sup> and to present your valid picture i.d.
- 16. Public Comment:** Penny Vanlear would like to give Ulrich a flyer regarding Garland garage sales to post., the Board is fine with that.
- 17. Adjournment:** Motion by Swerczek to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bennett, Jamison, and Swerczek. Absent: Lewis. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

  
Village Clerk/Treasurer