

VILLAGE OF GARLAND
GARLAND, NEBRASKA 68360
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 – 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: Jeremy Lewis, Jake Bennett, Tylor Jamison, Marilyn Patsch, and Jason Swerczek. Absent: none.
3. **Hold Public Hearing, Reed Miller to present and hear public comment on the One-and Six- Year Street Improvement Program for the Village of Garland, Introduce and pass Resolution #2023-3 adopting Miller & Associates One-and Six-Year Plan:** Motion by Lewis to open the One-and Six-Year Street Improvement Public Hearing. 2nd by Swerczek. All aye. Reed Miller discussed that the Village has maintenance only listed as the Village Plan and that this can always be revised at any time. There was no public comment. Motion by Lewis to close the One-and Six-Year Street Improvement Public Hearing. 2nd by Jamison. All aye. Resolution #2023-3 was introduced and read by Ulrich. BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Garland, Nebraska that the attached One-and Six-Year Street Improvement Programs are hereby adopted by said Village Board. The said Village Board attests that Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the following three public places: Village Hall/Germantown Bank, Fire Hall, Village Message Board. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Program was approved. Motion by Lewis to approve Resolution #2023-3. 2nd by Bennett. All aye.
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Lewis to waive the reading of the minutes to the August 1, 2023, regular meeting. 2nd by Swerczek. All aye. Motion by Lewis to accept and approve these minutes. 2nd by Jamison. All aye.
5. **Claims:** Motion by Lewis to waive the reading of the claims with the additions. 2nd by Bennett. All aye. Motion by Lewis to approve and pay these claims with the additions. 2nd by Bennett. All aye.
6. **Joel Ludwig – Planning Commission:** Joe Strauss turned in his resignation letter. The Planning Commission would like to recommend Matt Vjart/335 S. 3rd Street to become a new member of the Planning Commission. Motion by Lewis to approve Matt Vjart to become a member of the Planning Commission. 2nd by Bennett. All aye.
The Planning Commission met with Jonathan Jank regarding the buildable lots in the Village. Once information is gathered the Planning Commission will compile a report for the Board to review.
Special Use Permit #63/Vanlear/51 Frazier Street & Special Use Permit #64/Toovey & Hayes/189 Frazier Street - A Public Hearing was held on August 9, 2023, for these permits. Planning Commission took a vote: 0 in favor of the goats, 3 against the goats. Vanlear was not present to vote. The Planning Commission is recommending to the Board to not allow goats in the Village, per the current code. The Board is going to leave things the way they are now, and allow the goats to stay on these properties. If there is an issue that arises, it will be addressed at that time.
Building Permit #68/Peterson/206 5th Street – Motion by Lewis to approve the modifications to the already approved Building Permit #68. 2nd by Jamison. All aye.
Building Permit #69/Ludwig/219 4th Street – Motion by Lewis to approve Building Permit #69. 2nd by Bennett. All aye. A permit is required for sidewalk repair. Ludwig recommended the fee be waived for future sidewalk repairs. The Board agreed to waive the Building Permit fee moving forward if the resident is replacing/repairing the existing sidewalk.
Air B & B/642 Frazier Street – Lauren Eilers stated that her property is used as a short-term rental and does not have anything to do with the “breakfast or food part” of a Bed & Breakfast. The Board is fine for her to continue renting her property as is, no special use permit is required. If there are complaints in the future, this issue will be revisited.

7. **Wayne Regnier – Water/Sewer/Maintenance: General:** Regnier received the proposal to epoxy the Fire Hall floor for \$19,000.00, the Board agreed to not accept this proposal. Regnier is planning to strip and re wax the Fire Hall floor before One Stop Shop. **Street:** Hobson Tree Service is to remove the trees and stumps in front of 122 Frazier Street for \$860.00. Regnier mowed 1 ½ hours at Schneider property/122 Frazier Street and 1 ½ hours at Waldrop property/ 264 2nd Street. Board agreed to charge \$100.00 per hour for mowing these properties. If they continue to look bad and need mowed again, Regnier is to mow. **Water:** Wells tested; fans ordered due to VFD close to overheating. Both wells are very low, have not been this low since the 1990’s, alarms triggered. He will continue to monitor this situation. Currently, there is no remote access for Regnier to monitor the water system. \$3,360.00 of the ARPA funds were to be used for this project. Motion by Lewis to get remote access restored, using \$3,360.00 of the ARPA funding. 2nd by Swerczek. All aye.
8. **Old Business: - ARPA update:** The Board would like Ulrich to find out how long the funding from Seward County is available and what is the penalty for withdrawing the only CD the Village has.
- water/sewer rates: Ulrich is still trying to get correct software figures and is working with the software company and Gayle Stiger regarding this issue. Once this issue is resolved, the numbers for this report will be ready.
9. **Nicole Wegman/Garland Volunteer Fire Department: Austin Sayer becoming a member of the Garland Volunteer Fire Department:** Motion by Lewis to accept Austin Sayer/369 4th Street as a new member of the Garland Volunteer Fire Department. 2nd by Jamison. All aye.
10. **Introduction/adoption of Resolution #2023-2 Seward County, Nebraska Local Emergency Operations Plan:** RESOLUTION #2023-2 was introduced and read by Ulrich. RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Seward County, the Village of Garland and other cities and Villages in Seward County, the Garland Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Seward County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Seward County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Motion by Lewis to adopt Resolution #2023-2. 2nd by Bennett. All aye.
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14. **Announcements:** Lewis asked everyone to leave the meeting because the Board is going to go into executive session to discuss employee reviews. Everyone left Village Hall, the only people in attendance for the executive session were: Marilyn Patsch, Jeremy Lewis, Jake Bennett, Tylor Jamison, and Jason Swerczek. Motion by Lewis that the Village Board goes into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee reviews. 2nd by Jamison. All aye. Executive session began at 7:41pm. Motion by Lewis that the Board end the executive session. 2nd by Bennett. All aye. Session ended at 8:55pm.
15. **Adjournment:** Motion by Lewis to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Swerczek. All aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Salene Ulrich
 Village Clerk/Treasurer