

VILLAGE OF GARLAND

Regular Meeting Minutes - April 7, 2026 - 7:00 PM

1. Pledge

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- The Board Chair noted that all board meetings are recorded. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for public inspection at the meeting location.

Roll Call:

- Trustees present: Todd Strauss, Bryce Standley, Marilyn Patsch, Emmanuel Morales, Haley Hackbart.
- Village Maintenance absent and Village Attorney present.

2. Consent Agenda

- Previous meeting minutes from March 3, 2026
- Village Claims
- Fire Department Claims
- Village Income
- Village Treasurer Report

3. Old Business

- The Board discussed nuisance properties. Village Attorney Fern requested Hackbart provide a brief written description of each noncompliant property, including addresses, so that he may draft correspondence to the property owners following the meeting.

4. Legion Liquor License

- Strauss inquired about the renewal fee for the Legion liquor license. Hackbart researched the amount following the meeting and provided the total due to Strauss.

5. Village Attorney Report

- Village Attorney Fern presented a proposed fine waiver document modeled after Nebraska state guidelines and other municipalities. He also proposed drafting an ordinance to address procedures for vacant positions on the Village Board. Fern supported obtaining a surveyor quote for the Village fence deed transfer, contingent upon reasonable cost. He further offered to send a demand letter to Midwest Armor Coating regarding the street contract.
- This is Village Attorney Fern's final Board Meeting, as he will be stepping down from his role due to a job transfer.

6. Seward County Update, Nothing to report.

7. Planning Commission

- The Planning Commission cancelled its March 31, 2026, meeting and will next meet on April 21, 2026. The Commission is currently revising ordinances and is awaiting updates from Seward County to use as a model. Commission Chair Adams raised concerns regarding water availability and notes that nearby municipalities are affiliating with larger

cities to establish contingency plans. Adams also inquired about the contract with NextLink. The Board agreed to arrange a meeting with NextLink later this month.

8. Maintenance Report

- The Board received a message received by Regnier regarding maintenance updates, including:
 - Financial responsibility questions for digging a culvert
 - An estimate for replacing the Village Hall steps
 - Road maintenance (piles being addressed)
 - Replacement of benches at the ballfields

9. Clerk Report, Hackbart attended the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency meeting on April 2, 2026. She requested direction from the Board regarding the use of funds offered to participating municipalities for recycled material projects. The Board discussed using the funds to purchase an additional picnic table for the park, consistent with prior use of these funds.

10. Board Report,

- The Board reviewed an email and letter from Deb Brown (SMJ) regarding an appeal of the denial of Special Permit CU-2025-02 (US Cellular Tower). With input from Village Attorney Fern, the Board scheduled a Board of Adjustment Meeting for April 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Village Hall. Due to meeting requirements, the meeting was rescheduled to April 26, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Village Hall. The updated meeting details were emailed to Deb Brown.

11. Public Comment

- Adams suggested a temporary moratorium on special use permits. Village Attorney Fern stated he would review the matter and provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

12. Announcements

- Next Regular Board Meeting will be May 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

13. Adjournment

- Motioned by Standley, Seconded by Strauss. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Haley Hackbart

Haley Hackbart, Village Clerk