

**VILLAGE OF GARLAND**  
**GARLAND, NEBRASKA 68360**  
**REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 6, 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 January 2, 2024, regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. All aye. Motion by Lewis to accept and approve these minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. All aye.
4. **Claims:** Motion by Lewis to waive the reading of the claims with the additions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. All aye. Motion by Lewis to approve and pay these claims with the additions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. All aye.
5. **Joel Ludwig - Planning Commission:** Ludwig is stepping down as the Planning Commission Chairman, but will still remain a member. The Planning Commission voted in Jackie Noxon as the new Planning Commission Chairman. The Planning Commission is going to put together a package with about 1/2 dozen revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for public comment and the Board to review. The Village needs to have a consistently applied code.  
**Building Permit #76/Kevin Kirkland/1879 196<sup>th</sup> Rd.:** This permit is still not in compliance. The Planning Commission is recommending to the Board to make it in compliance. Motion by Swerczek to give Kevin Kirkland 60 days to move the shed to comply with the setbacks. If the shed is not relocated after the 60 days, the \$300.00 a day fine that should begin on day 61 will be discussed and treated as a separate motion at that time. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis. All aye. Kirkland submitted drawings to Ludwig and these will be on the next Planning Commission meeting agenda. This should end up being a new building permit.
6. **Wayne Regnier – Water/Sewer/Maintenance:** Water: Bacteria sample came back negative. A meter froze on 293 1<sup>st</sup> Street/Werner/had to be replaced. Keep cones up on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Attended the annual conference in Lincoln, there was no conference the last day because of the snowfall. He should still have all of his continuing education hours. State Revolving Funds Security Grant time again – the Board agreed for the project to be a generator at the water tower and Regnier is to get bids and submit by June. Street: 260 5th Street/Pederson/has had a lot of work done on the property and the alley needs new rock because of this. Pederson has offered to pay for this. The Board agreed to have her pay for the rock to be installed in the alley. Regnier stated 38 hours spent on snow removal, maintainer worked out well, 2 downspouts were hit.
7. **Old Business - ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Update:** This item was not discussed.  
- **Village of Garland Income: building permit/variance current fee, next steps for sales tax, liquor/tobacco license fee:** This item was not discussed.
8. **Garland Volunteer Fire Department: removing all signers on current GVFD/Village bank account and adding new signers:** Motion by Swerczek to remove all existing names of the Garland Volunteer Fire Department main checking account and to add the following signatures: GVFD Secretary/Treasurer – Nicole Wegman, Village Board Chairman – Marilyn Patsch, and Village Clerk – Salene Ulrich. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis. All aye.
9. **Garland Volunteer Fire Department: discussion of LB886:** Motion by Lewis that beginning immediately Nicole Wegman will now be appointed as the Garland Volunteer Fire Department Certification Administrator for LB886. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Swerczek. All aye.
10. **Wayne Regnier/Salene Ulrich: applying for Tractor Supply and Office Depot card, discussion of Village credit card limit:** The Board agreed for Ulrich to contact Cattle National Bank to see what options they offer for credit cards and to not apply for any other store credit cards.

- 11. Salene Ulrich: attending the annual League of Nebraska Municipalities Midwinter Conference for Continuing Education hours:** Motion by Bennett to send Ulrich to the League of Nebraska Municipalities 2024 Midwinter Conference in Lincoln. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis. All aye.
- 12. Rod Bromwich: Village of Garland sales tax:** Bromwich discussed that the Village has been in talks of implementing a sales tax but he believes there are other ways to increase revenue besides a sales tax and increasing the water and sewer rates, and that there are ways to cut expenses by looking at employee wages, consolidating loans, and Garland Youth Sports free use of Village facilities. Ulrich stated that Garland Youth Sports taco night monies do not go to the Village, they are separate from the Village. Patsch stated that the taco nights that were for the ballfield lights did go to the Village. Ulrich stated all 'One Stop Shop' monies do go to the Village. Patsch also stated around 2013 there was an agreement for Garland Youth Sports to use the ballfield. Ulrich will look at the minutes for this information. 2023 Village insurance cost was \$35,517.00 – Bennett would like a copy of the insurance policy to be provided to the Board to see what all the policy includes. Lewis asked for Damman to attend the next Board meeting.
- 13. Marilyn Patsch: youth groups using the Fire Hall:** Patsch stated that the Garland 4H wanted to use the Fire Hall for upcoming meetings. Motion by Lewis to let the Garland 4H use the Fire Hall for their meetings at no charge. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. All aye.
- 14. Invoice from Osceola Implement for Village tractor: is over the not to exceed amount:** The invoice amount is \$644.85 more than the not to exceed amount quoted. Jamison talked with Osceola implement about the unexpected issue. Motion by Lewis to pay the current invoice of \$10,764.85. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamison. Lewis: aye, Bennett; aye, Jamison: aye. Swerczek: nay. Motion passed.
- 15. Salene Ulrich: dates of water bills/reading of meters, and paychecks:** Ulrich stated that the water bills are due by 5:00pm the last day of the month. Per the Ordinance, the water meters will be read on the last day of the month. They will be read after 5:00pm when the last payments have been collected. The payroll software processes by the date the payroll checks are written, not the paid thru date. The employee paychecks will be written the last day of the month for that month's work and will still be given to the employees the first business day of the following month according to the policy.
- 16. Announcements:** There were no announcements.
- 17. Adjournment:** Motion by Lewis to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennett. All aye. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

  
Village Clerk/Treasurer