

**Town of Garfield**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 8, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**405 W California St.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pfaff, Council Members: Jason Bankus, Roni Mundell, and Connie Schaut. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: DonNell Ellsworth. Public Works: Monty Rojas. Absent: Andrea Mills and Craig Mitzimberg

**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:** Regular Meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** No guests were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the 2025 Final Budget Hearing and the Regular Council Meeting on December 11, 2024. Jason Bankus **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Marshal Handley called into the meeting.

Marshal Handley informed the council that he has had five calls in the last two weeks. Three cars have been removed from town. Marshal Handley is currently working with two other properties to get them cleaned up of nuisances. Marshal Handley stated that if at 90 days the properties are not fully cleaned up, tickets will be written and/or to include calling in a tow truck to remove any junk vehicles.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Monty Rojas was present at the meeting.

**Water and Sewer**

The town's water level detector at the reservoir was damaged by a sheet of ice but has since been repaired and is functioning correctly again.

Monty is currently completing the required Lead Service Line Inventory (**LSLI**) for the town's water system. The inventory includes all the town's water lines as well as the service lines attached to the water mains, up to each meter. This is part of the mandate from the Washington Department of Health. Monty and DonNell are working together to ensure notices are distributed to residents regarding a violation notification from the Washington Department of Health.

There has been significant infiltration at the wastewater treatment plant due to rain and snow. KME Specialties are working on the pump repairs. During their repair, a 2x4 was discovered to be causing some of the issues with one the pumps, leading to low amps.

KME will also provide a quote for new pumps to replace the current ones, ensuring all pumps are matching, with plans to surplus the old ones.

**Garbage**

The brakes on the garbage truck have been replaced. However, Jones Truck and Implement noted that the cam on the garbage truck will need to be replaced soon.

**Street/Park**

There is nothing to report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Pfaff updated the council that the conversation between Verizon and the Town of Garfield regarding the new cell tower is currently in limbo. Tammy Howard and Larry Hunt have been in talks with Jesse Bickel from RYKA Land Services, who is representing Verizon in the efforts to place the new cell tower. Garfield Planning and Zoning is speaking with the Garfield Cemetery District to explore the possibility of placing the tower on cemetery property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LIFELIGHT TO BE ADDED AS A BENEFIT FOR EMPLOYEES:**

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve the town purchasing a LifeFlight membership for the three full-time employees DonNell Ellsworth, Walter Fealy, and Monty Rojas for 2025. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL: Approval of Checks**

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**Payroll:**

Checks 16450-16454 Plus EFTPS

Checks 16458-16464 Plus AWC, L&I, EFTPS, ESD, PFML, WA CARES, & HRA-VEBA  
Total = \$19,071.47


**Claims:**

Checks 16456-16457, & 16465-16490 Total = \$100,125.07

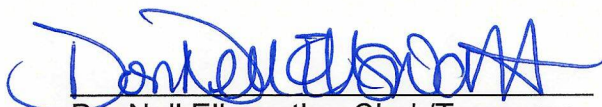
Total Claims and Payroll = \$119,196.54

**ADJOURN:**

Jason Bankus **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Roni Mundell **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

  
Jarrod/Pfaff – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
DonNell Ellsworth – Clerk/Treasurer