

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

December 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Firth, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on the **2nd day of December, 2014** in the Village Office at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Phil TenHulzen, Jarred Meyer and Thelma DeYong. One vacancy. Chairman Hobelman presided and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted the location of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room for public viewing.

A motion was made by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Thelma DeYong, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 10, 2014 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The monthly financial reports were presented by the Village Treasurer. It was moved by Jarred Meyer, seconded by Phil TenHulzen, to approve the financial reports as given. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Thelma DeYong, to approve payment of current bills as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	5,891.75
Payroll Taxes	464.30
Advantage Computer – annual maintenance fee	700.00
Black Hills Energy	28.11
Dale Stertz – building inspections	80.00
DHHS	115.00
Farmers’ Cooperative	545.73
Firespring – website support	80.00
First National Bank	1,309.50
HBE Becker Myer Love, LLP	8,500.00
Huenink Refuse	3,570.75
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	833.34
Lovell Excavating	750.00
McNally Law Office	425.00
Norris Public Power	1,647.70
One Call Concepts, Inc.	8.10
Postmaster	109.56
Sam’s Club	674.50
Studio Byrd Lowe	21.10
Voice News	122.07
Windstream	131.00
Employee Reimbursements	90.64
Total	26,098.13

The monthly maintenance report was given by Dave Hansmeyer. It was stated that the small well is in need of a new meter head. Steps are being taken to locate the force main from the lift station to the lagoons and secure the proper easements. There was a short discussion regarding salt spreaders and how they work.

Mikaela Davis from HBE was present and gave an audit summary.

At 7:30pm Chairman Dave Hobelman closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing.

Terry Meier from JEO was present and gave an explanation of the Village’s Community Block Development Grant application. The total grant amount would be \$250,000 with \$20,000 earmarked for grant administration.

At 7:34 Chairman Dave Hobelman closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Mikaela Davis from HBE reviewed the detailed audit report. There were no negative findings in the audit.

It was moved by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to approve the audit report as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jarred Meyer, seconded by Phil TenHulzen, to adopt Resolution #2014-12-1 giving the Chairman of the Board

authority to sign the Community Block Development Grant application. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Thelma DeYong, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for the CBDG application and process. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was stated that the Village will need to procure a certified grant administrator for the Community Block Development Grant.

It was moved by Thelma DeYong, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to approve June 6th as the date for a car show to be held in Firth and sponsored Dave Musiel. This is the same day as the annual Firth garage sales. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Election results were briefly discussed. The Election Commissioner is in the process of certifying the highest write-in candidate. This will be taken care of at the January meeting.

Dave Hobelman took the Oath of Office for a new 4-year term.

Dave Hobelman was elected Chairman of the Board by unanimous vote.

Jarred Meyer was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Dave Hobelman, seconded by Phil TenHulzen, to re-appoint Mike Hoefler as Village Treasurer, and Jill Hoefler as Village Clerk for 2015. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Thelma DeYong, to re-appoint Olsson Associates as Village Engineer and Joe McNally of McNally Law Firm as Village attorney for 2015. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, no Nays. One abstain. Motion carried.

It was agreed to change the utility code to state that the Village will shut off water by request for plumbing problems only. An ordinance will be passed to change the code at the January meeting.

It was agreed to get estimates from at least 2 companies for mud-jacking the sidewalks in the business district.

It was stated that Sara Hartzell from Lancaster County will be at the January meeting to discuss the Institute of Rural Design and the "MyTown" photo project.

OPEN FORUM

The new website is up and running. The addition of a calendar showing availability of the community center will be researched.

A Board tour of the new Lakeview assisted living center will be scheduled for 6:00pm on January 6, prior to the regular Board meeting.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk

David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman