

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

July 7, 2026

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 **7th day of July 2026** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. Notice of meeting was posted at the Community Center, Post Office, Papa D's and the Firth website. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Board Chair: Todd Carlson, Board Trustees: Tina Booton, Craig Middle, Jason Cooper and Samantha Henderson. The Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room for review.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the June 2, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the June 2026 financial report. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the May financial report as presented and authorize the treasurer to make TIF funds transfers of \$645.31 to the Bond A account and \$71.70 to the Bond B account. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current claims were read. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve current claims including the monthly Norris Public Power bill that will come after the meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed to schedule the annual budget workshop meeting for Wednesday July 22 at 6:00pm at the Village Office.

Current Month Claims

Salaries	13,831.66
Payroll Taxes	957.35
Simple IRA Employer Match	306.95
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Advantage Computer – email billing module	1,500.00
Better Backyards – Ditch mowing (3x)	3,375.00
Black Hills Energy	186.72
Blue Cross Blue Shield/– village portion premium	943.43
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,407.75
Ebbers Construction – flagpole installation holes	270.71
Electric Pump	189.57
Farmers’ Cooperative – fuel & propane	866.71
Firespring – website host	117.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc. supplies	435.33
Guardian Life – employee benefits	63.09
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office – contract hours	1,425.84
Lincoln Winwater Works – water system parts	442.72
Lovell Excavating LLC – water main repair	1,640.00
McNally Law Office – monthly fee	200.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	17.41
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC – bldg inspections	525.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	20.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	2,006.78
North Ridge Builders – 1 st half 2026 TIF payment	61,767.87
Olsson – engineering consulting	1,976.46
One Call Concepts	12.26
Sam’s Club – misc. supplies	370.01
Spickelmier & Sons – boring electrical conduit	3,160.00
United Rentals – bucket trailer for placing flagpoles	339.00
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	436.68
Board meeting fees – 1 st half of 2026	3,900.00
Employee reimbursements	130.59
FACET expense	2,171.74
Total	108,593.63

PUBLIC COMMENT Period – There was no public comment.

- Board Chair Todd Carlson thanked FACET for a great Firth Fun Day event on June 27. It was estimated that up to 1,000 people attended.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. Several things of note:

- Wastewater production is up quite a bit – normal for this time of year.
- Water Tower cleaning will be scheduled for after the splash pad season is over.
- PFAS testing has been done.
- Annual sewer jetting has begun.
- There are 15-20 manholes left to be inspected and recorded.
- There is currently a lot of grease buildup in the sewer lift station.
- The local Boy Scout Troup will be helping with landscaping around the Welcome to Firth sign in the next week or two.
- There is a large Spruce tree at a 202 E 7th that needs to come out as it is obstructing the culvert in that location. The tree is in the ROW. The residents will be notified prior to any removal.

The Board thanked Dave Hansmeyer and Ty Twarling for all the work they did to install the flag poles at the Welcome to Firth sign. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the community.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve Resolution #2026-07-1 selecting the 3- Year commitment with 5% discount option for LARM Village insurance renewal for the 10/1/2026-9/30/2027 fiscal year. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve purchase of the JUS (Village billing software) email billing module for \$1,500. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #07-2026-1 prohibiting feeding of feral cats within Village limits.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF FERAL CATS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That it shall be and hereby is made unlawful to feed or house any feral cat(s) in the Village.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its approval, passage and publication as required by law.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Dated this 7th day of July 2026.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to waive the three separate readings of Ordinance #07-2026-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to adopt Ordinance #07-2026-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, T. Booton, J. Cooper, S. Henderson) No Nays. Motion carried.

The clerk gave an update on the upcoming new Village website. It will go live later this month. The website address will remain firth.nebraska.gov.

The Board discussed sheriff contract hours for July. There has been late night activity at and near the ballpark restrooms.

It was agreed to keep moving forward with a possible vote on a local option sales tax.

The fireworks show on June 27 was discussed.

The board discussed the possibility of having a fall clean-up day in addition to the spring clean-up day.

Committee Reports were given.

Water/Sewer - Data centers were briefly discussed regarding water usage.

Adjourn 8:24pm.

Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk