

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

May 5, 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 **5th day of May 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: Jason Cooper, Tina Booton, Samantha Henderson, and Craig Middle. 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 Samantha Henderson, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the April 7, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the April 2026 financial report. It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the April financial report as presented and authorize the treasurer to make TIF funds transfers of \$32,910.00 to the Bond A account and \$3,591.00 to the Bond B account. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

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

Current Month Claims

Salaries	10,318.47
Payroll Taxes	703.86
Simple IRA Employer Match	309.56
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Black Hills Energy	171.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield – village portion premium	783.94
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,407.75
Farmers' Cooperative – fuel & propane	261.92
Firespring – website host	117.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc. supplies	3,221.98
Firth Post Office	188.65
Guardian Life – employee benefits	63.09
Immense Impact, LLC – new website	1,361.00
Johnson Controls, Inc	4,707.40
Microsoft Office 365 - software	17.41
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	15.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	1,960.14
Olsson – Water PRE	5,845.22
Sam's Club	142.90
Voice News	124.76
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	436.68
Total	35,158.69

PUBLIC COMMENT Period – There was no public comment.

Todd Carlson read the monthly maintenance report since Dave Hansmeyer could not attend the meeting. Several things of note:

- Nitrates are down a little
- Annual street crack sealing will be done next week

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve the \$500.00 bid from Husker Lawn and Tree for the repainting of the downtown parking lines. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Tina Booton, to adopt Resolution #2026-05-1 to appoint Jeff Palik from Olsson

- Class A license
- Street Superintendent License S-1269
- Engineering License E-10492

as the Firth Street Superintendent for the remainder of 2026. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to adopt Resolution #2026-05-2 establishing new community center rental rates and damage/cleaning deposit fees.

- \$60.00 – 4 hours and less (including setup and cleanup)
- \$120.00 – over 4 hours (including set up and clean up)
- \$30.00 – set up night before event (if available week of)
- \$20.00 – Sr. Diners
- \$30.00 – Non-profit groups (with 501c3)
- \$200.00 – damage/cleaning deposit – If ANY cleaning is required by village after an event, minimum \$50.00 will be deducted from deposit for cleaning fee.

Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

The treasurer discussed the new LIGHT Health Insurance option of dental coverage. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Crag Middle to add dental coverage as an employee benefit. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the following FACET events:

- Date TBD – Popsicles in the Park
- June 5&6 – Annual Treasure Trek garage sales
- June 27 – Annual Firth Fun Day

Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve rental of a 5'x10' storage unit for FACET at the cost of \$40/month. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the request from Scott Papenhagen to hold a beer garden during Firth Fun Day on June 27th – to end at midnight. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

The Clerk gave an update on the new website progress and the .gov domain.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Tina Booton, to set the opening day of the Splash Pad on May 22, 2026, and to keep the 2026 splash pad hours of operation the same as last year.

- Monday: Closed for Maintenance
- Tuesday/Thursday: 11:00am-1:00pm
- Wednesday/Friday: 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Saturday: 10:00am-7:00pm
- Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm

The splash pad will also be open on Memorial Day and Labor Day from 1:00pm – 6:00pm.

Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding sheriff contract hours for May. Nothing specific was noted.

Tina Booton gave a report on the meeting she had with the Clerk and two representatives from Windy Prairie Cemetery Management group. The Village can move forward with renumbering the cemetery map without any outside help.

The Board discussed the draft “community watch group” letter. It was agreed to put something about starting the community watch group in the upcoming newsletter to be sent out to everyone in the Firth zip code later this month.

It was agreed to move forward with creating an ordinance prohibiting feeding of feral cats.

Committee Reports were given.

It was noted that the annual clean-up day is Saturday May 9.

Adjourn 8:47pm.

Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk