

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

November 2, 2021

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 November 2021** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Craig Middle, Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper and Amanda Eisenhauer. Chairman Hobelman presided, and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room for review. Social distancing was practiced.

A motion was made by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 5, 2021 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **October** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims:

Black Hills Energy	76.69
Capital City Refuse	4,124.50
Farmers' Cooperative	725.18
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	1,635.46
General Fire & Saftey	156.80
HBE Becker Meyer Love, LLP	800.00
International Institute of Municipal Clerks	200.00
John Jennings - inspections	2,680.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,073.18
McNally Law Office	165.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue	25.00
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC - inspections	1,587.50
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	415.00
Norris Public Power	1,489.55
Olsson	8,000.00
One Call Concepts, Inc.	2.69
Sam's Club	150.15
Voice News	348.63
Windstream	295.83
Total	24,059.86

The monthly maintenance report was given.

Jeff McReynolds gave an overview of the new Lancaster County GIS addressing system and how the Village can participate through an interlocal agreement with Lancaster County. This will create a comprehensive GIS grid of all addresses in the county and will streamline emergency response. Currently villages and cities within Lancaster County assign addresses inside their own corporate limits. If the Board moves forward with this interlocal agreement, future new addresses will be assigned through the countrywide addressing department. The interlocal agreement will be considered at the December 7, 2021 Village Board meeting.

Larry Chapman from Farmers Cooperative gave an overview of a potential construction project for two 90'x140' grain bins which would be located south of the current feed mill. Mr. Chapman explained the Coop's desire to acquire part of the originally platted 2nd street outlet that the Coop uses as parking. It was agreed that before discussing land, the Coop should work with the planning commission to determine if this project is feasible in the proposed location. Mr. Chapman will attend the November 30 Planning Commission meeting.

There was a short discussion about the Firth cemetery. It was noted that all cemetery records have now been computerized. Mapping of the cemetery was discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman would research what other cemeteries do to mark out graves. A surveyor will likely be required to map out several more rows of the cemetery. The issue will be revisited in the future.

There was discussion regarding vandalism in the main park and the ball fields. A small slide on the main playground equipment was damaged and will need replaced. The board directed the clerk to contact LARM (village insurance pool) prior to ordering the slide.

Due to shipping and supply issues, it will likely be several months before the slide is delivered. It was noted that the main playground equipment is 20 years old

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of getting security cameras for the Village buildings and parks. Craig Middle will research possible systems and report at the December meeting.

There was further discussion regarding protection for the community center parking lot repairs. No decisions were made at the meeting. The Village will look into several kinds of concrete barriers. The culvert and grate that borders 4th Street was also discussed. Keven DeValkenaere was present and reminded the Board of Chris Farabee's offer to help the Village fix that area. The board asked Farabee to submit a bid for how they would remedy the problem and the cost. The Board will get other bids as well.

OPEN FORUM

Committee reports were given.

It was agreed to wait until spring for the needed ditch work so that the ditch sides will not be disturbed through the winter. Getting grass re-established in the ditches would be more doable in the spring.

The FACET sponsored Old Fashioned Christmas Parade and community tree lighting is scheduled for December 4 at 4:30. Someone from the Village can drive the Village truck in the parade.

Meeting Adjourned.

David L. Hobelman, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk