

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

July 2, 2024

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 July 2024** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairwoman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Todd Carlson, Samantha Henderson and Craig Middle. The Chairwoman 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.

A motion was made by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the June 4, 2024, regular meeting minute as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the **June** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve presented bills to be paid, including the regular monthly Norris Public Power and Farmers Cooperative bills that come after the meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,919.87
Payroll Taxes	692.34
Simple IRA Employer Match	280.60
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Abbott Portable Toilets, LLC	427.28
Black Hills Energy	145.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield	553.12
BOK Financial, NA	16,407.50
Capital City Refuse	4,677.75
Farmers' Cooperative	561.85
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	1,431.72
Five Rule Rural Planning, LLC	3,350.00
John Jennings – building inspections	80.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,242.63
Marian Mulder – net water deposit refund	13.85
Microsoft Office	8.70
McNally Law Office	1,525.84
Midway Welding	84.24
Midwest Dirtworks, Inc	4,929.50
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
North Ridge Bond A	37,739.93
North Ridge Bond B	4,193.32
Norris Public Power	2,656.68
Olsson	6,503.08
One Call Concepts, Inc	19.80
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Sam's Club	101.65
Small Engine Specialists, Inc	341.90
Voice News	263.78
Windstream	393.55
Board Fees	4,100.00
Total	103,456.71

OPEN FORUM

There was no public comment in Open Forum

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. Water usage is up which is normal for this time of year. Issues with the SCADA communications system for the wells is being worked on. The lift station VFDs are also being checked out.

Brian Schuele from Olsson was present for a discussion on possible construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Firth Road with a crosswalk over Firth Road at May Street. It was agreed that a 5' sidewalk would work in the location and be wide enough for pedestrians to pass each other. The Board will get more information. The project and possible funding will be considered at the August meeting

Brian Schuele from Olsson also discussed the downtown sidewalk project. It was agreed that conduit could be placed for future lighting. The project and possible funding will be considered at the August meeting.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to authorize publishing for bids for the Allen Street water main replacement project. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the annual contract with Five Rule Rural Planning for planning and zoning consulting. The contract amount of \$3,000.00 includes travel expenses and hourly rate for a focused conversation with the Planning Commission to be facilitated by Bobbi Petti of Five Rule Rural Planning. The purpose of the conversation is to determine what and how and when to make changes to the Future Land Use Map and amendments to the 2019 Firth Comprehensive Plan. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Todd Carlson stated that construction on the new Welcome To Firth sign (to be located on the North side of Firth Road at the intersection with Nemaha Street,) will begin next week, weather permitting.

The adoption of a newer international building code was discussed again. It was agreed that the Chair would contact Jarred Meyer and ask if he could be done with his review by September 1, 2024.

The board continued a discussion about the possibility of creating a Firth Code Enforcement Officer position. In the meantime grass letters will still be sent. The Board will present a listing of unlicensed vehicles to the August meeting. Letters will be sent to begin the process of getting unlicensed vehicles licensed or moved into a structure or moved out of the Village. The Village attorney will be contacted for his thoughts on possible updates to the nuisance code.

Samantha Henderson reported on three meetings she and the Clerk had with reps from different playground companies regarding updates to the main Village Park playground. As of now there are no conceptual designs or ideas. Playground matting is of high priority as well as some new equipment.

The board discussed the pickleball court and the suggestion from a Firth resident about posting a time limit for the court if there are other people waiting to use the court.

Committee Reports were given.

The board scheduled the annual budget workshop for July 22, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned.

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk