

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

April 7, 2020

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 April 2020** in the Village Office by Zoom video conference. Normal notification procedures were observed and included the meeting ID# for logging into the meeting. The notice of meeting and agenda was also posted at www.firth.nebraska.gov. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00pm and the following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Craig Middle, Brian Flood, Jason Cooper and Amanda Eisenhauer. Chairman Hobelman presided and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a link to the Open Meetings Act was available at www.firth.nebraska.gov on the Notice of Meeting on the home page.

Board Chairman, Dave Hobelman, gave some basic guidelines for the video meeting to make it run as smoothly as possible.

A motion was made by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The minutes of the March 14, 2020 COVID-19 emergency meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **March** financial report. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brian Flood, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve payment of current bills as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Due to COVID-19 and the effects on the economy CD rates have fallen. The \$50,000 CD at First State Nebraska that came due on April 1 was reinvested as a 36-month CD at 2.35% at Farmers & Merchants Bank. (First State Bank Nebraska current rate had fallen to .8%) After discussion with the Village treasurer, it was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Brian Flood to authorize the treasurer to invest another \$50,000 in a 36-month CD for 2.35% and \$100,000 in a 13-month CD at 2.15%. The remaining three \$50,000 CDS at First State Bank will come due at the end of the next three quarters and will be deposited back into the general fund. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	7,172.82
Payroll Taxes	584.46
Black Hills Energy	67.63
Capital City Refuse	4,056.44
Farmers & Merchants Bank	25.00
Farmers' Cooperative	68.24
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	597.38
First State Insurance Agency	27,776.00
Greg Edwards – plan reviews	80.00
McNally Law Office	180.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	23.47
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	34.00
Norris Public Power	1,918.64
Olsson	2,208.32
One Call Concepts, Inc.	12.29
Sam's Club	199.50
Voice News	88.79
Windstream	275.82
FACET Expense	75.00
Total	\$45,552.50

The monthly maintenance report was given. There was discussion about the high amount of disinfectant wipes, paper towels and rubber gloves showing up in the sewer lift station. It was agreed to send a letter for all Firth residents reminding them that only toilet paper should be flushed down a toilet. NL Driveway Maintenance will be crack sealing streets in the next week. They will do as much as possible without exceeding \$8,000.00.

Gary and Peg Hartgerink requested a permit to sell fireworks from June 25-July 4, 2020. After a brief discussion it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to issue the permit with the understanding the Hartgerinks will be required to follow

any COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and any additional measures at the time from the State, County or Firth. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, No nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dave Hobelman, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve the Doeshcot Acres administrative subdivision. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dave Hobelman, seconded by Brian Flood to approve the Fosbender Second Addition administrative subdivision. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding COVID-19 response.

- The splash pad and park restrooms will remain closed until further notice.
- Firth Fun Day (scheduled for June 13) will be postponed to a later date.
- Currently the Firth ball fields are not open for use. The board will revisit ball field usage after May 31.
- It was agreed to cancel all current May community center reservations – except for the primary election.

Olsson is wrapping up work on the Firth sewer study.

Rob Mierau introduced himself. He is a new resident of Firth and submitted his resume/certifications to be considered for the Firth plumbing inspector opening. There is another local person who will be submitting a resume soon.

It was agreed that if the annual Fireworks Show can be changed from June 13 to July 2 the board will enter the contract with Pyro Magic Fireworks. Since Firth Fun Day will not be held on June 13 the Board would like to hold the fireworks show closer to the July 4 date.

Paul Ebbers of Better Backyards submitted a bid of \$850/per time for mowing the Nemaha ditch for the 2020 season. It was agreed that a courtesy notice will be sent to affected property owners of their responsibility to mow along the sidewalk and the street. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed to hold off on hiring for the summer mowing position. Due to the splash pad and parks not being open and possibly no ball season there may not be a need for the extra help. The Board will revisit the issue at the May meeting.

It was stated that North Ridge Addition Phase 2 is currently on hold until the developers have a feel for what the economy is going to do long term.

OPEN FORUM

It was agreed to order a Ring video doorbell with rechargeable battery pack for the community center and the maintenance shop.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.

David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk