

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

December 1, 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 **1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. 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 copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the Village Office for review. Social distancing was observed.

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

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **November** 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.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	7,629.40
Payroll Taxes	614.63
Advantage Computer	825.00
Arbor-Tech Tree Service	180.00
Black Hills Energy	86.67
Capital City Refuse	4,051.50
Electric Pump	464.44
Farmers & Merchants Bank	209.90
Farmers' Cooperative	206.99
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	745.29
Five Rule, LLC	500.00
Greg Edwards – Plan Review	40.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,016.05
Mark Howard - Inspection	40.00
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue	297.07
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC	80.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Nebraska Rural Water Association	50.00
Norris Public Power	1,586.13
Olsson	684.52
One Call Concepts, Inc.	8.46
Paul Ebbers – Better Backyards	850.00
Postmaster	240.00
Voice News	37.31
Windstream	278.09
Total	\$20,995.15

Chairman Hobelman presented a plaque to Brian Flood noting his outstanding service as a Village Trustee from December 2016-December 2020. Brian's service has been a great asset to the Firth community. Brian completed his 4- year term and did not run for reelection.

Jason Cooper and Amanda Eisenhauer were both reelected to the position of Village Trustee. They took the Oath of Office.

Because Brian Flood chose not to run for the Trustee position again there is a vacancy on the Village Board for a 4-year term ending in December 2024. The Board Chairman will present nominees for trustee at the next meeting in accordance with state statute for filling a board vacancy. The Vacancy will be posted, published in the Voice, and a notice will be sent in the December Firth utility bills.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to appoint Dave Hobelman as Board Chair for the coming 2-year

term. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Dave Hobelman abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dave Hobelman, seconded by Jason Cooper, to appoint Craig Middle as the Vice-Chair for the coming 2-year term. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Craig Middle abstained. Motion carried.

Dave Hobelman read resolution 2020-12-1 appointing a village clerk, treasurer, village attorney, village accountant, village engineer, village street superintendent, village depositories, and office publications for 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2020-01

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A VILLAGE CLERK, TREASURER, VILLAGE ATTORNEY, VILLAGE ACCOUNTANT, VILLAGE ENGINEER, VILLAGE STREET SUPERINTENDENT, VILLAGE DEPOSITORIES, AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS for 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA:

- a. Jill Hoefler is appointed as the Village Clerk
- b. Mike Hoefler is appointed as the Village Treasurer
- c. McNally Law Firm is appointed as the Village Attorney
- d. HBE., P.C. is appointed as the Village Accountant
- e. Olsson, Inc is appointed as the Village Engineer
- f. Justin Stark is appointed as the Village Street Superintendent
- g. Farmers & Merchants Bank and First State Bank Nebraska are appointed as the official depository institutions
- h. The Voice News is designated as the official publication.
- i. Posting locations for purposes of publication shall be the Firth community Center, Firth Post Office, and Sadies/Papa D's

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF December 2020.  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH

It was moved by Dave Hobelman, seconded by Craig Middle to approve resolution #2020-12-1. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

Dave Hobelman read Resolution #2020-12-2 authorizing the Village Board Chair to sign the Year-End Certification of Village Street Superintendent.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve Resolution #2020-12-2. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to give a \$400 donation to the Nebraska Rural Water Association. NRWA has supplied man hours, equipment, and expertise to help the Village with different water/sewer issues over the last several years. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

Owen Killham from Olsson, Inc. was present. There was a discussion regarding potential new well locations. General estimates of well construction including a dedicated main for blending purposes for the Abraham site or the Nemaha and Firth Road site is approximately \$600,000. To construct a well in the park, without a dedicated main for blending purposes was estimated to cost approximately \$400,000.

Owen Killham stated that the sewer study that Olsson is compiling will wrap up before the end of the year.

There is no new info about the construction timeframe for the Phase 1 park sidewalk.

It was agreed that while the COVID risk dial is in the red zone that Village buildings will be closed to the public. All Village business will need to be conducted by phone, email, or regular mail.

Dave Hobelman read Ordinance #12-2020-1 for the adoption of Village of Firth Zoning Regulations.

ORDINANCE #12-2020-1  
ADOPTION OF  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
ZONING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the Village of Firth, Nebraska has given notice as required by the Nebraska State Statues, of a hearing to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2020, at 7:15PM (CST) in the Firth Community Center on the proposed updated zoning regulations, including the text, schedules of district regulations and the official zoning map; and

WHEREAS the public hearing has been held pursuant to said notice and all statements received at the hearing have been duly considered by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Village of Firth has given recommendation of approval of the new zoning regulations;

BE IT NOW AND THE SAME HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as provided by law.

DATED: December 1, 2020.

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It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Craig Middle to waive the three readings of Ordinance #12-2020-1. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One Vacancy. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to adopt Ordinance #12-2020-1 establishing updated zoning regulations and zoning map for the Village of Firth and one-mile ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction.) Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One Vacancy. Motion carried.

It was agreed that due to the Firth recycle collection site being removed, the agreement with Metcalf Funeral Home where the Village mowed and removed snow for the Metcalf Property at 309 Nemaha in exchange for the recycle site being located on their property, will no longer be in force.

It was agreed that committee assignments will remain the same until the vacancy is filled and new assignments can be made.

OPEN FORUM

It was agreed that instead of renting a lift to put Christmas lights on the large spruce tree at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nemaha, that the gazebo will be lighted. The new light pole snowflake decorations are up and look very festive.

Meeting Adjourned.

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David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk