

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

August 3, 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021** 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, Kami Beaty and Jason Cooper. Amanda Eisenhauer arrived late. 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.

A motion was made by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, no Nays. (Kami Beaty stepped out for a minute for a phone call.) Absent one. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The minutes of the July 12, 2021 special meeting/budget workshop were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **July** financial report. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	9,946.19
Payroll Taxes	794.62
Baker Heating & Air	519.34
Black Hills Energy	2.39
BOK Financial, NA	16,880.00
Capital City Refuse	4,124.50
Farmers' Cooperative	470.93
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	2,061.68
gpm	618.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	979.92
Lincoln Winwater Works	11.93
Lovell, Excavating LLC	800.00
McNally Law Office	180.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Omaha	644.35
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Nebraska Title Company	27,367.25
Norris Public Power	1,765.79
Northridge Builders, LLC	43,740.88
Olsson	5,573.92
One Call Concepts, Inc.	18.47
Paul Ebbers	1,750.00
Sam's Club Card	42.30
United Rentals	253.80
VASA Construction, Inc.	6,968.26
Village of Firth	49.85
Voice News	152.04
Windstream	297.35
Board Fees	2,750.00
FACET Expense	734.11
Total	129,621.57

Peg Reutzel was present and explained her idea for a free pantry that would stock canned and nonperishable food items. It would be housed in a metal box newspaper metal dispenser. The concept is similar to the free libraries that people place in their yards. She asked if the free pantry could be located on Village property by the community center. The board expressed that they like the idea of the free pantry. There was some discussion, and the Board will decide on the location request by the next meeting. The Clerk will contact the Village insurance carrier and the League of Municipalities.

Larry Egger, on behalf of the morning card players, sent an email request asking if the morning card players could meet at the community center since Homestead is now closed. It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Craig Middle, to charge \$5/hour for the card players to use the community center on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, and the men's Bible study on Friday mornings. The groups would be responsible for clean up etc. No Monday or Saturday usage available. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Dave Hobelman abstained.

It was agreed to table the ditch work discussion until the September meeting.

There was discussion regarding replacement of all Village water meters. The American Recovery Plan Act funds could be used for this. The cost for ordering meters and for installation will be available for review at the September meeting. It was noted that it could take extra time to get the meters in as there are currently delays for getting parts etc.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer to approve the engagement letter for HBE to do the annual audit of the Village financials. The Chair will sign the letter. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Several nuisance properties were discussed. Nuisance abatement procedures will be enacted. The Village attorney will be utilized for nuisance abatement if needed.

Phase 2 of the park sidewalk project was discussed. It was agreed that the perimeter sidewalk would likely not need an engineer involved.

The board discussed Village wages for 2021-2022 fiscal year. A wage ordinance will be considered at the September meeting.

#### OPEN FORUM

Committee reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned.

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David L. Hobelman, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk