

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

June 2, 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 **2nd day of June 2020** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. 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 Eisenhower. 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 Brian Flood, seconded by Amanda Eisenhower, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 5, 2020 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

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

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhower, to authorize the treasurer to transfer \$2,395.00 to the Bond account and wire the biannual payment for the General Obligation Flood Control Bond. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brian Flood, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve payment of current bills as presented. And authorize the treasurer to transfer \$4462.74 to the TIF Bond A account and \$495.86 to the TIF Bond B account. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhower, seconded by Brian Flood, to change the name of the Splash Pad account at First State Bank Nebraska, to "Park Improvement Fund." Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	7,594.95
Payroll Taxes	612.48
Black Hills Energy	52.59
Capital City Refuse	4,051.50
Farmers' Cooperative	303.11
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	1,650.58
Greg Edwards – plan reviews	80.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	2,061.86
Lincoln Winwater Works	5,802.50
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Norris Public Power	1,632.25
Olsson	2,378.50
One Call Concepts, Inc.	10.37
Pyro Magic Fireworks LLC	2,900.00
Sam's Club	551.73
Voice News	74.48
Windstream	275.17
Ball Association Expense	123.84
NSF Checks	90.82
Total	\$30,520.43

Troy Armstrong was present and requested that the board schedule a special meeting to convene the Board of Adjustment to decide on his zoning variance request for a shed he wants to build on his property. He has been waiting several months due to COVID-19 and would like to start on his building as soon as possible. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on June 22 to decide on his variance request. This will give sufficient time for the Notice of Public Hearing to be published at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

The monthly maintenance report was given by Dave Hansmeyer.

- There was a discussion of the selenium issue at the well by the water tower. The Village has been monitoring the levels since January 2020. The well has been placed on restricted use and the levels have gone down consistently each month. Dave Hansmeyer stated that the trend looks like the selenium levels go higher when more water is pumped out of the well. So far the well is not in violation or under administrative order from the State, but the Village needs to be proactive in getting the

levels lower. With the splash pad being closed due to the COVID-19 situation, Dave Hansmeyer stated this would be a good time to leave it closed for the season and see if the selenium levels continue to drop.

- The Board has had previous discussions regarding the age and condition of the other two Village wells. Both are still in working order but there is a need for a new well. The Board agreed to take the next steps in planning for a new well. The Village engineer will be invited to the June 22 special meeting.
- The board discussed the need for a new mower/shredder for Village maintenance. Dave Hansmeyer will have a bid for the board to review at the June 22 special meeting or the July 7 regular board meeting.

COVID-19 response was discussed. The Village attorney discouraged opening the Village parks at this time. It was agreed to keep the splash pad closed for 2020. (There is no way to monitor crowd size or social distancing. It would also bring an influx of people from other communities into Firth which could potentially increase the opportunity for the spread of COVID-19.) The park equipment and restrooms will remain closed indefinitely. The Board will continue to monitor the situation for the opening of park playground equipment.

Dave Hobelman read Resolution #2020-05-1 by title. “*COVID-19: Resolution of the Village of Firth Regarding Use of Municipal Property for Sports or Other Recreational Activities*” The resolution is to allow for the use of the Firth Ball fields for specific teams while alleviating the risk of Village liability due to COVID-19.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper to adopt Resolution #2020-05-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Due to the park and splash pad being closed there is no need for the summer mowing position to be filled.

Rob Mierau has agreed to be the new Firth plumbing inspector. The Village will get more information regarding the IPC and UPC plumbing codes from him. He will be officially appointed at the June 22 special meeting.

Dog issues and solicitors were discussed. The public will be notified to call the sheriff if they have a dog issue and to request to see a Firth solicitors permit if someone is selling door to door.

It was agreed that Board members need to identify current nuisance properties in Firth.

OPEN FORUM

It was agreed that the Lincoln City Libraries summer reading program will not be allowed to meet in the community center for the time being. This will be reevaluated as public health guidelines change.

It was noted there are more people dumping their household trash in the community center dumpster. The Village will order a sign and place a camera in that area.

Committee Reports were given.

The board is working on creating an infrastructure replacement plan beginning with water main replacement.

It was agreed to send a notification letter to the homeowners at 303, 305, and 307 E 2nd Street reminding them that they all share a common sewer service line. The Village is not responsible for any repairs needed to the shared line.

It was agreed the grass/dirt needs scraped away from the edge of the asphalt on Village streets to help with drainage to the ditches. This will be scheduled in July or August.

Meeting adjourned.

David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk