

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

September 7, 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 **7th day of August 2021** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:48pm immediately following the annual budget hearing. The following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Craig Middle, Kami Beaty, 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 available in the room for review. Social distancing was practiced.

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

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle to approve an additional 1% in total 2021-2022 funds, subject to limitations. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The treasurer read Resolution #09-2021-1 setting the final 2021-2022 property tax request at \$89,970.00 with a levy of 0.224729.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve resolution #09-202101 setting the 2021-2022 property tax request at \$89,970.000 with a levy of 0.224729. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The treasurer read Ordinance # 2021-09-1, to adopt the 2021-2022 budget as presented at the public budget hearing.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to waive the customary three separate readings of the Ordinance. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance # 2021-09-1, adopting the 2021-2022 Budget as presented in the public budget hearing. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance #2021-09-1 and the 2021-2022 Firth budget are available for review at the Village Office.

The minutes of the August 3, 2021 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve the **August** financial report and a change to the June profit and loss report – (TIF property tax funds were inadvertently booked to the regular property tax fund account – the change was made to move the June TIF funds received to the TIF property tax fund account.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	8,826.61
Payroll Taxes	708.77
Abbot Portable Toilets	492.90
Black Hills Energy	69.84
Capital City Refuse	4,124.50
Farmers' Cooperative	606.39
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	138.89
Greg Edwards	40.00
Lancaster County Election Commissioner	100.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	879.88
League Association of Risk Management	20,993.00
League of Nebraska Municipalities	1,468.00
McNally Law Office	195.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC	120.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	150.00
Norris Public Power	1,738.32
Olsson	7,569.84
One Call Concepts, Inc.	5.38
Paul Ebbers	875.00
Sam's Club Card	108.10
United Rentals	164.57
Voice News	12.62
Windstream	297.69
Employee reimbursements/mileage	476.27
FACET Expense	30.00
Total	50,300.27

Dave Hansmeyer was not at the meeting, but a brief maintenance report was given by the clerk.

Luke Sieck was present to discuss the Living Life Church proposal for landscaping (including two retaining walls) on the May Street side of the new Church addition in the ROW. The Board addressed several concerns, and the church will look into getting an engineer's opinion on the water drainage as well as capping off the abandoned water service line at the main. The church will have something to the board for the October meeting.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Kami Beaty to approve Resolution #09-2021-2 authorizing the Chair to sign the Municipal Certification of Program Compliance form – Street Reports. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The Chair introduced Ordinance #2021-09-02 by title, setting employee wages and Board fees for the 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. Wages were raised by 3%.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to waive the customary 3 readings of the Ordinance. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Kami Beaty, to adopt Ordinance #2021-09-2, setting employee wages and Board fees for the 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

A copy of this ordinance is available for review at the Village office.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the Aging Partners annual lease agreement for \$20/day for each Monday the Senior Diners meet at the Community Center. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve moving forward with ordering new replacement water meters for the Village (except for the new meters at North Ridge.) This project will be paid for with American Recovery Plan Act funds. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the \$200/hour fee to have Larry Lovell reshape and fix 3 stretches of ditch in Firth (The east side of Russell Circle between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and May Street, and the north side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between May and Nemaha Streets.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

An update on the new well project was given. Complete drawings and specs should be completed and submitted for State approval yet this month. The project should be ready to bid in October/November. The engineer feels both wells should be completed sometime in the spring 2022, weather permitting.

The Board agreed to go with a new control system for the new wells. Olsson will oversee getting the new control system in place.

It was agreed that Dave Hobelman will research several cement companies and move forward with getting a bid for a perimeter sidewalk around the main park.

The board agreed that having an outdoor small free pantry located in the Village is a good idea. However, they do not feel it is in the best interest of the Village to have free pantry located on Village property.

#### OPEN FORUM

John Mardock was present and gave a quarterly report for emergency management in the Firth area. Most of the “activations” in the last quarter were weather related. He noted that this has been a quiet weather year for the Firth area.

The Clerk stated that a new bill passed by the State legislature will remove the requirement of sales tax charged to residential water customers. This will go into effect on October 1, 2021.

The Village Office will be closed the week of September 13-17.

Meeting Adjourned.

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David L. Hobelman, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk