

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2023**

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 **3rd day of October 2023** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairwoman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Craig Middle, Todd Carlson, and Samantha Henderson. The Chairwoman 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 Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, annual budget hearing and the September 5, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the **September** financial report as presented including the October TIF funds transfer to the Bond A and Bond B accounts. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve presented bills to be paid, (including the Norris Public Power Bill and Farmers Coop regular monthly bills that come later in the month.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve ACH payment of regular monthly bills for the new fiscal year. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,422.62	
Payroll Taxes	653.17	
Simple IRA Employer Match	279.80	
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00	
Better Backyards	975.00	
Black Hills Energy	140.02	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09	
Capital City Refuse	4,405.00	
CAN Surety	100.00	
David Hobelman – mileage – cemetery meeting	104.80	
David Hobelman – water meter installation	310.00	
Farmers’ Cooperative	278.02	
Firespring	100.00	
First National Bank	395.49	
Greg Edwards – Building plan review	40.00	
Husky Lawn Service	580.00	
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	1,235.66	
League Association of Risk Management	30,624.17	
Lincoln Winwater Works	23.94	
McNally Law Office	210.00	
Microsoft Office 365	17.40	
Nebraska Code Consulting	240.00	
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	237.00	
Norris Public Power	2,175.69	
Norris School District #160	300.00	
One Call Concepts, Inc.	16.34	
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74	
Voice News	427.78	
Windstream	370.91	
Total	54,877.64	

At 7:12pm it was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to close the regular meeting and open the Annual 1&6 Year Street Plan public hearing. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Owen Killham from Olsson explained the current 1&6 Year Street Plan. One change was discussed.

At 7:25pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to close the 1&6 Year Street Plan public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve Resolution #10-2023-1 approving the 1&6 Year Street Plan as amended. (Addition of curb and sidewalks on 3rd Street from Nemaha west to the alley.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to approve the HBE audit agreement letter for the 2022-2023 audit to be conducted in late October at the cost of \$22,200.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

- * Water Tower was cleaned and inspected and is now back in service. Should have it cleaned every two years moving forward. \
- * Waste Water system is fine.

There was a discussion regarding storm drainage issues along 7th Street from May Street to Nemaha Street. John & Trista Jennings, Rick Harrison, LuAnn Lonowski, and Kristin Draper participated in the discussion. All stated that the drainage issues by their properties have become worse since the Church addition was built. The Board is working on a plan to help mitigate some of the drainage which may include cleaning and reworking the ditches in that area.

Kristin Draper talked on behalf of the Firth Fire Station. They would like to do some landscaping around the culverts in the right of way. She asked what the Village could do about the west driveway culvert and the ditch. The Board asked that the Fire Station submit an actual plan of what they want to do in that location.

Over half of the new water meters have been replaced in the Village.

It was agreed that the Village should order a portable pickleball net system as it has not worked for Village Maintenance to construct one that would work for the court.

It was agreed to avoid May 12 when scheduling for the spring 2024 Firth Clean Up Day.

It was agreed that the Village is satisfied with the garbage hauler contract with Capital City Refuse. The Board does not see a need to put garbage service out for bid at this time.

A special meeting has been scheduled for Monday October 23, 2023, to meet with representatives from Olsson to discuss future infrastructure projects for the Village - priority discussion will be for replacement of 4' water mains from 4th to 7th Street along Allen.

At 8:11pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:24pm it was moved by Criag Middle, seconded by Todd Carlson, to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk