

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 5, 2024**

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 **5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024** 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, and Todd Carlson. Samantha Henderson and Craig Middle were absent. 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: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the February 7, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the **February** financial report as presented and authorize the treasurer to transfer TIF funds to the Bond A (\$4,205.38) and Bond B (\$493.95) accounts. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve presented bills to be paid including the regular Norris Public Power bill that will come after the meeting. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

**Current Month Claims**

Payroll	9,930.87
Payroll Taxes	696.20
Simple IRA Employer Match	295.05
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Advantage Computer	343.75
Black Hills Energy	231.95
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09
Capital City Refuse	4,405.00
Farmers' Cooperative	234.88
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	753.03
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	125.00
Greg Edwards	80.00
Lincoln Winwater Works	418.39
Lovell Excavating LLC	2,075.00
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office	8.70
Midway Welding	765.94
Midwest Fireworks Wholesalers	3,750.00
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association	130.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Norris Public Power	2,107.43
One Call Concepts, Inc.	1.60
PIP Signs	9,399.26
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Sam's Club	1,225.00
Voice News	105.80
Windstream	394.10
FACET Expense	117.36
Employee Reimbursements – milage/parking	191.88
Total	39,266.02

**OPEN FORUM**

There was no public comment.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

- \* Current average daily water usage and drawdown levels were discussed. If the drought persists there may be a need for water restrictions at some point.
- \* A controlled lagoon discharge is planned for April.
- \* The 7<sup>th</sup> Street ditch work has been scheduled for late April or early May.
- \* Hickman Parks and Rec League will be using the small ballfield on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning in May.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve registration, lodging and mileage for Kristin Draper (Planning Commission Chairperson) to attend the annual Planning and Zoning conference in Kearney March 7-8. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

The Welcome to Firth sign was discussed. The first half of the project cost was paid last month (\$9,399.26). The project is now on the construction schedule. Kami Beaty will contact the local Boy Scouts to see about a possible Eagle Scout Project for a flagpole and light at the Welcome to Firth sign location.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson to set the 2024 Splash Pad hours the same as 2023:

Mondays: Closed for maintenance  
Tuesdays: 11:00am – 2:00pm  
Wednesdays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
Thursdays: 11:00am – 2:00pm  
Fridays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
Saturdays: 1:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sundays: 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve NL Driveway Maintenance to do annual street crack sealing on the current street rotation at the rate of \$0.65 per linear foot. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

Photos of nuisance properties were discussed. The Board will move forward with the nuisance abatement process at the April meeting. Residents will be encouraged to utilize the Firth Clean Up Day for disposal of unwanted and donatable things.

Scott Hartman was present to request Village approval for him to park several trailers on Village property that adjoins his property. No action was taken. The matter will be revisited at the April meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the adoption of a more current version of the International Building Codes. Firth is currently working with the 2009 international building codes. Jarred Meyer was present and is reviewing various ordinances. (As a previous Village Board Trustee, Jarred helped create the documents needed to adopt the 2009 international buildings codes for Firth in 2014.) Research will be done to see what version of the international building codes surrounding towns are currently using.

The board discussed the contractor and employee classifications. Also discussed was who is covered under the Village insurance. It was stated that Firth building inspectors and plan reviewer will need to submit a certificate of insurance listing the Village of Firth as an additional insured.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve hiring Dave Hobelman as a part-time, as needed employee at his current rate of \$20/hour. (Dave Hobelman has been contracted, on 1099 status, to help with several projects over the last year.) Dave Hobelman will continue to help install the remaining new water meters, and is also working on cemetery issues including staking, mapping, and guidelines. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson.) No Nays. 2 Absent (S. Henderson, Craig Middle.) Motion carried.

Prior to the meeting, a Firth resident had sent a written request asking the Board to look into purchasing the property to the west of Everett Street and utilize it for some benefit to Village residents, possibly a dog park. The Board discussed the request and will look into it.

Committee Reports were given.

The kick-off meeting for the Allen Street water main replacement project (from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street) was held on March 4, 2024. Village Maintenance, the water/sewer committee, the Village Clerk and Owen Killham from Olsson attended the meeting. Survey work is complete, and the project is currently in the design phase. It is anticipated the project will go out for bid in June 2024.

The Board discussed internal processes. It was determined the Village will no longer send courtesy utility billing statements to Prairieland Dairy for the multiple houses they rent in Firth. Prairieland will need to coordinate all billing correspondence with the various landlords they rent from.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm.

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Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk