

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

January 5, 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 **5th day of January 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, Jason Cooper and Amanda Eisenhauer. One vacancy. 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 Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 1, 2020 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The minutes of the December 17, 2020 special meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the **December** financial report. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve payment of current bills as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	7,598.87
Payroll Taxes	612.18
Black Hills Energy	81.84
Cede & Co.	17,410.00
Capital City Refuse	4,051.50
Electric Pump	737.10
Farmers' Cooperative	59.15
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	756.90
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	175.00
Greg Edwards – Plan Review	40.00
HBE Becker Meyer Love, LLP	5,300.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,112.92
Lincoln Winwater Works	157.94
Lovell Excavating LLC	1,250.00
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
NDEQ-Fiscal Services	6,580.06
Nebraska Department of Revenue	287.93
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC	80.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	404.00
Norris Public Power	1,615.81
North Ridge Builders, LLC	22,969.69
Olsson	3,721.47
One Call Concepts, Inc.	1.54
Ramaker & Associates, Inc.	300.00
Sam's Club	835.90
Small Engine Specialists Inc.	283.11
United Rentals	123.76
Voice News	229.62
Windstream	277.78
Total	\$77,312.77

Peter Fellers, from HBE Accounting firm presented the annual audit report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. All accounts were found to be in order.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve the audit report as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

It was agreed to keep all Village buildings, including the community center, closed to the public. The Board will review again at the

February Board meeting.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. He noted that the amount of recent wastewater being pumped is way down. This confirms that the system likely has infiltration from storm water drainage. The well communications issue earlier in the month, that caused the water tower level to drain, was due to a power outage and has been fixed.

It was moved by Dave Hobelman, seconded by Jason Cooper, to allow Maintenance to contact an electrician to outfit the small ballpark well to be hooked to a generator in the event the Village was without power. A standby generator could be rented if needed. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

Dave Hobelman gave an update on the ADA park sidewalk project. The electrical line was cut during the dirt work phase and will need to be replaced.

The Chairman will present a nomination for the Board vacancy at the next meeting.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 13. There will be a presentation from LARM for village insurance, and the Olsson sewer study will be presented. A nomination for the Board vacancy will also be presented.

OPEN FORUM

A resident was present to discuss a potentially dangerous dog issue in the Village, and cardboard being illegally dumped in a Village business dumpster.

Committee Reports were given.

A resident brought up the speeding issue along Everett Street.

Meeting Adjourned.

David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk