

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

September 1, 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 1st day of September 2020 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, Brian Flood, 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 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: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 4, 2020 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The minutes of the August 18, 2020 special meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Brian Flood, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **August** financial report and approve a \$20,000 transfer from the general account to the ACH account. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Brian Flood, to approve payment of current bills as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	8,196.08
Payroll Taxes	659.57
ABC Electric	1,750.00
AKRS Equipment Solutions	11,300.00
Black Hills Energy	48.78
Capital City Refuse	4,051.50
Electric Pump	831.21
Farmers' Cooperative	359.75
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	312.49
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	972.31
League of Nebraska Municipalities - dues	1,374.00
Lovell Excavating LLC	850.00
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	152.03
Midwest Laboratories, Inc	120.82
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC	120.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	110.00
Norris Public Power	1,686.77
Olsson, Inc	1,553.73
One Call Concepts, Inc.	7.31
Paul Ebbers – Better Backyards	850.00
Sam's Club	542.24
Sargent Drilling	600.00
TDC Total Maintenance LLC	700.00
Voice News	176.74
Windstream	277.81
Total	\$37,861.84

Chairman Hobelman closed the regular meeting at 7:15pm and opened the annual Budget Hearing.

The Treasurer went through the completed budget with the board. There was no public comment.

Chairman Hobelman closed the Budget Hearing at 7:33pm.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Chairman Hobelman read Resolution 2020-09-1 setting the property tax request at \$57,364.00 for the general fund and \$38,210.00 for the bond fund. (This is a 24% increase from the 2019-2020 tax request due to the 2019 Highway Allocation Bond that was taken out to pay for the mill an overlay of Firth Road and several smaller street repair projects.) The levy was set at .266797.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve Resolution #2019-09-01. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Brian Flood, to approve an additional 1% increase in total 2019-2020 funds, subject to limitation. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Brian Flood, to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hobelman read Resolution #2020-09-2 authorizing the Board Chair to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance form for the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Brian Flood to approve Resolution #2020-09-2. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The maintenance report was given. It was noted that Nebraska Rural Water will be helping Village Maintenance smoke sewer mains later in the month. This will help pinpoint if there are any problem areas in the sewer mains that need to be addressed.

The Board discussed the south end of Abraham Street as a potential location for a new well. It was noted that this location meets all the necessary setbacks. There is also the possibility that a dedicated main could be built that would connect to the well by the water tower prior to entering the distribution system. This would allow blending of the water from both wells. This would lower the selenium levels in the distribution system and would keep the water tower well in use on a more consistent basis. The current 4' water main along Abraham Street would continue to be the service main for that location.

Owen Killham from Olsson, Inc, was present and discussed steps moving forward with a test well. It was agreed to file the necessary paperwork to get approval from the State for the location at the end of Abraham Street. Olsson will send out a Request for Proposal to several well drilling companies for the completion of a test well. The cost estimate for a test well is in the \$25,000-\$30,000 range.

It was moved by Brian Flood, seconded by Jason Cooper to move forward with the test well for the location at the south end of Abraham Street. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Owen Killham gave an update on the sewer study that is being done for the Village.

The Board discussed becoming a member of the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD). It was agreed to wait and reevaluate on a yearly basis to see if it would benefit the Village to be a member.

Dave Hobelman read Ordinance 09-2020-1 by title. This sets wages for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for Village staff and officials. Staff will receive a 2% raise. All board fees and seasonal help wages will remain unchanged.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Brian Flood, to adopt ordinance 09-2020-1 setting wages for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The board briefly discussed the issue of grass being mowed into the street.

The Village Board received a proposal from Kirk Helmink to purchase a parcel of land he owns that runs along the railroad tracks to the west of Everett Street. The Village had expressed an interest in this parcel in the past. After some discussion, the Board agreed that there is no longer an interest in that parcel for the price that Mr. Helmink is asking.

The recycle collection site issue was briefly discussed. The site will remain open through October 31, 2020. The first week in November the City of Lincoln will remove all recycle collection receptacles. It was noted that several residents had already called to set up curbside recycling with Capital City Refuse.

OPEN FORUM

Committee reports were given.

The clerk is working on getting all data transferred from paper files to the cemetery software system. Once all the data is input, the next step will be uploading a photo of each headstone to the corresponding grave on the software.

Meeting adjourned.

David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk