

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

January 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 January 2023** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Eric Mercier, Craig Middle and Todd Carlson. The Chairperson 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 Eric Mercier, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Eric Mercier, seconded by Todd Carlson to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022, regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Eric Mercier, to approve the **December** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Eric Mercier, to approve presented bills to be paid, (including the regular Norris Public Power that will come later in the month.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	8999.91
Payroll Taxes	663.47
Simple IRA Employer Match	267.13
Black Hills Energy	165.32
BOK Financial, NA	1,565.00
Capital City Refuse	4,389.00
Electric Pump	900.00
Farmers' Cooperative	121.40
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	317.55
Lancaster Co Election Commissioner	100.00
Lancaster Co Sheriff's Office	1,255.50
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Norris School District #160	10.00
Norris Public Power	2,093.09
Olsson	1,657.96
One Call Concepts, Inc.	8.00
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Windstream	280.49
Board and Chair fees	3,550.00
Total	26,713.26

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Todd Carlson, to authorize the Treasurer to make transfers to the new Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) when needed and to close out the \$100,000 CD which comes due in May at Farmers & Merchants Bank and invest the funds at NPAIT at a much higher interest rate. (The interest earned in the new account will be significantly higher than the penalty for early withdrawal.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Eric Mercier, to approve of establishing a 125 Plan to create a cafeteria plan for health insurance for Village employees. The plan will be facilitated by First Concord Benefits Group for \$200.00/year. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

- He discussed the plugged sewer lift pump due to clothing that was flushed. The pump has been removed for repair and a loaner pump has been installed. Dave recommended that the Village purchase a new pump along with getting the other one repaired so that the Village always has a spare pump on hand.
- Dave encouraged the board to be conservative on operation of the splash pad due to water conservation
- In the early hours of 12/23 while plowing snow the plow caught the curb on 3rd Street and threw the truck into a pole. An insurance claim has been filed and repairs estimates are being compiled. The truck drives fine.
- Dave reminded the Board that street crack sealing will need to be scheduled for the spring.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle to authorize Village Maintenance to order a spare sewer lift pump from Electric Pump in the amount of \$18,241.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Eric Mercier to allow Dave Hansmeyer to carry 7 unused hours of 2022 vacation to the 2023 calendar year. (This is due to vacation hours he couldn't take due to plowing snow.) And to allow Dave Hansmeyer to take comp time (at time and a half) for the 3.5 hours he worked on official holidays 12/26 and 12/27. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Board will come up with a budget for a Welcome to Firth sign and then get possible designs. It was agreed that landscaping around the sign should be included in the budget.

Dave Hansmeyer gave an overview of the Water/Sewer system and how it works, what is on the horizon for new contaminate regulations, status is of the current infrastructure, and future water/sewer projects.

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Meeting Adjourned.

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk