

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
November 7, 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 **7th day of November 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 Samantha Henderson 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 Jason Cooper, to approve the October 3, 2023, regular meeting minutes and the October 23, 2023 special 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 Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the **October** financial report as presented. 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 presented bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,756.99
Payroll Taxes	678.76
Simple IRA Employer Match	289.83
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Better Backyards	975.00
Black Hills Energy	158.05
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09
Capital City Refuse	4,436.00
David Hobelman – water meter installation	165.00
Farmers’ Cooperative	384.68
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	986.74
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	2,534.28
McNally Law Office	315.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	290.00
Norris Public Power	1,727.97
Olsson	1,385.64
One Call Concepts, Inc.	6.40
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Rembolt Ludke LLP	8,811.00
Sam’s Club	158.24
Summit Fire Protection	97.00
Windstream	373.12
Total	34,853.23

The Clerk gave the monthly maintenance report in Dave Hansmeyers absence. Midwest Dirtworks will likely be at the December meeting to discuss storm water drainage and ditch work needed in town. The new ballpark well heater had a bad fan. A new fan will be installed. It is under warranty. Fire hydrants are being flushed. Water meter replacement is continuing.

OPEN FORUM – no public comment.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve Resolution #2023-11-1 authorizing the Chairwoman to sign the year-end Street Superintendent Certification as required by the Nebraska Department of Transportation. 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 Kami Beaty, to move forward with a water main replacement project from 4th to 7th Street along Allen Street. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed to get more clarification on the Olsson work order agreement for the water main replacement project before giving approval.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the draft guidelines for public input at Village Board meetings. (Printed guidelines will be available at all future meetings.) 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 Samantha Henderson, to allow Village employees to carry over up to 4 weeks of accrued vacation time. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:05pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, 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 8:17pm it was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to reconvene the regular meeting. 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 9:02pm

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk