

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

March 2, 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 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, Amanda Eisenhauer and Kami Beaty. Chairman Hobelman presided, and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available on a table in the room for review. Social distancing was observed.

Amanda Eisenhauer was not present to start the meeting.

A motion was made by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Absent One. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 2, 2021 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve the **February** financial report. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve payment of current bills as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	7,387.81
Payroll Taxes	608.47
Baker Heating and Air	76.26
Black Hills Energy	121.03
Capital City Refuse	4,051.50
Farmers' Cooperative	316.15
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	1,315.61
First State Bank Nebraska	4.00
Greg Edwards – Plan Review	80.00
Hotsy Equipment Co	309.41
Intuit	316.47
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	994.47
Lincoln WinWater Works	211.00
McNally Law Office	420.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue	275.21
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Norris Public Power	1,782.44
Olsson	4,124.78
One Call Concepts, Inc.	3.45
Sam's Club	1,345.94
Windstream	124.88
FACET Expense	25.00
Total	\$24,017.58

Dave Hobelman read a card from Nebraska Rural Water thanking the Village for the donation for services NRWA has provided to the Village.

The Clerk read the monthly maintenance report submitted by Village Maintenance.

Amanda Eisenhauer arrived at 7:25pm.

The Treasurer gave an explanation of the refinance of the sewer lift station State Revolving Fund loan. With the lower interest and administrative fees both lowered to .5% the savings over the course of the loan will be approximately \$37,000.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper, to give Chairperson Hobelman the authority to sign the refinance SRF loan amendment, after clarification that the interest rate is correct in the amendment. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The board discussed the proposed State Revolving Funds loan for the new well project. There will be a public hearing regarding the new loan at the April 6 meeting. It was suggested to add any upcoming water projects to this loan to take advantage of the 0% interest, 0% administrative fees and 25% loan forgiveness. Replacement of water meters and at least some fire hydrants was

discussed.

Linda Deboer was present to discuss snow removal in front of her yard on Abraham Street. She was frustrated about dirt and grass being scraped into her yard by the snowplow. The Board explained that some scraping of dirt and grass is inevitable with the equipment the Village uses. Also, this has been a particularly bad year for scraping of dirt and grass because the ground never totally froze.

It was agreed that Village Maintenance should purchase several propane heaters to have on hand for future sub-zero weather events.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve the contract with Pyro Magic Fireworks in the amount of \$3,480.00, for the annual Firth fireworks show scheduled for June 26. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Amanda Eisenhauer stated that FACET has scheduled Firth Fun Day for Saturday June 26, with most activities taking place after 4:00pm. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at 10:30am at the Firth ball fields.

The Board discussed the possibility of the staff and board taking a CPR certification class.

The Board agreed to the changes on the Community Center rental form. It now includes a "hold harmless" clause.

The Board reviewed the updated snow policy. The ordinance will be voted on at the April meeting.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to open the brush dump for business on April 3. The Brush dump will be open Saturdays from 8:00am to 2:00pm through November, weather permitting. Brush (branches limbs and sticks) will be accepted every week if there is capacity in the brush pile. If the brush pile is full, branches, limbs and sticks will not be accepted until the pile can be burned. The grass and leaf pile will be available every week. The 2021 permit fee will be \$40.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed to allow Lincoln City Libraries to host their summer reading program at the Community Center.

There was a brief discussion regarding splash pad operation for 2021. This will be discussed again at the April 6 meeting.

It was agreed that Dave Hansmeyer can bank 24.5 hours of compensation time for extra hours he worked plowing snow.

#### OPEN FORUM

Committee reports were given.

The test well at the potential new well location should be in later this week.

Adjourn

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David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk