

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

May 5, 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 **5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020** by Zoom video conference. Normal notification procedures were observed and included the meeting ID# for logging into the meeting. The notice of meeting and agenda was also posted at [www.firth.nebraska.gov](http://www.firth.nebraska.gov). 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 Eisenhower. Chairman Hobelman presided and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a link to the Open Meetings Act was available at [www.firth.nebraska.gov](http://www.firth.nebraska.gov) on the Notice of Meeting on the home page.

A motion was made by Craig Middle, seconded by Brian Flood, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 7, 2020 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

It was moved by Brian Flood, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the **April** financial report. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to give authorization to the treasurer to transfer \$50,000 from the general fund at Farmers & Merchants Bank to the ACH account at First State Bank Nebraska. The treasurer will transfer \$17,267.70 from the ACH account to the North Ridge Addition Bond A account, and \$1,918.63 North Ridge Addition Bond B account. The Bond A and Bond B amounts will eventually be paid out to the North Ridge Builders LLC, for 2020 TIF payments. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	7,395.66
Payroll Taxes	602.12
Black Hills Energy	57.89
Capital City Refuse	3,973.56
Electric Pump	2,704.85
Farmers' Cooperative	16.22
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	200.86
FiveRule Rural Planning, LLC	2,026.00
Greg Edwards – plan reviews	40.00
John Morris – plumbing inspections	120.00
Lancaster County Sheriffs Office	1,096.79
Lovell Excavating	850.00
Mark Howard – HVAC inspections	80.00
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	83.88
Municipal Code Services	320.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	50.00
Norris Public Power	1,702.80
Olsson	3,769.38
One Call Concepts, Inc.	25.76
Sam's Club	65.74
Voice News	58.07
Windstream	275.82
Ball Association Expense	100.00
Total	\$25,874.10

The monthly maintenance report was given.

\* It was mentioned that the April letter which was sent to all Village water customers regarding the high amount of disinfectant wipes, paper towels, rubber gloves and other non-flushable material showing up in the sewer lift station, "has not helped". There continues to be high amounts of these items.

\* Village Maintenance and Lovell excavating will be fixing washouts in the Nemaha ditch over the next week.

\* It was mentioned that the Board will need to decide what should be done about the private sewer main on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that was not installed correctly.

Justin Stark from Olsson joined the meeting for a discussion regarding the Village well situation and what potential next steps should be to move forward.

Justin Stark gave an update on the sewer study currently being completed.

Bobbi Pettit of FiveRule Rural Planning joined the meeting to discuss the first draft of the final zoning update document. It should be ready to approve at the July or August meeting.

There was a discussion about various COVID-19 issues. It was agreed that the splash pad will remain closed indefinitely. The Board will monitor state and county guidelines when deciding when or if to open the splash pad this season. It was agreed that the June community center reservations should be notified that they may need to be cancelled depending on what the guidelines are at that time. Later this month the Board will evaluate whether to meet virtually or in-person for the June meeting.

The sewer backup that occurred at 610 Russell was discussed. It was agreed to send another notice in the May utility bills reminding residents that ONLY toilet paper should be flushed in toilets. The Village insurance company is handling the claim for the sewer backup.

There were two people interested in the plumbing inspector position. It was moved by Brian Flood, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to offer that Rob Mierau and Karl Hesseltine share the plumbing inspector position at the \$40 per inspection rate. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the Village annual fireworks show will be held on Saturday June 20 with a rain out date of Sunday June 21. The Village will expect social distancing to be observed.

The summer mowing position will be reconsidered at the June meeting.

The Board Chair stated that the committees need to work with Village Maintenance to come up with a detailed infrastructure replacement plan to include hydrants, streets, water/sewer mains etc.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper that the cemetery policy include:

- \* Cremation interment will be limited to two cremations per traditional burial space.
- \* Only one cremation will be allowed in the same space with a traditional burial (traditional burial needs to take place first.)
- \* Village will dig and close cremation hole for a charge of \$140.00

Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed that on a grave with two cremation interments, the first to be buried will be located at the head of the grave and the second will be located at the end of the grave.

#### OPEN FORUM

The Village Office will be closed May 12-16.

It was agreed that village residents could hold garage sales on the annual first weekend of June. The Village Board is not involved with planning or organizing the Village garage sales. Social distancing would be expected.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

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David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk