

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

February 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 February 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 posted in the Village Office for review. Social distancing was observed.

A motion was made by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Kami Beaty took the Oath of Office to fill vacant term through December 2024. The Board welcomed her onboard.

The minutes of the January 5, 2021 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The minutes of the January 13, 2021 special meeting were declared approved as presented.

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

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, 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	8,695.02
Payroll Taxes	713.85
Auto Docs	29.50
Black Diamond Enterprises Inc	470.00
Black Hills Energy	107.84
BOK Financial. NA	1,880.00
Capital City Refuse	4,051.50
David Hochstetler, inspections	80.00
Electric Pump	846.40
Farmers' Cooperative	387.32
Firespring – website support	100.00
First National Bank	1,864.87
First State Bank Nebraska	4.00
Greg Edwards – Plan Review	40.00
HBE Becker Meyer Love, LLP	5,000.00
International Institute of Municipal Clerks	200.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	953.95
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Department of Revenue	296.24
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	307.00
Nebraska Rural Water Association	400.00
Norris Public Power	1,672.21
Olsson	2,873.94
One Call Concepts, Inc.	7.68
Voice News	217.08
Windstream	277.78
Board Mtg Fees	2,900.00
Employee reimbursements	30.82
Total	\$34,415.70

At 7:21 Chairman Hobelman closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing.

The amended Future Land Use map was presented for public comment.

The changes to the Future Land Use map reflect the new zoning district of Rural Estates. There was also a parcel that had been designated as Open Space that was changed to Rural Estates.

Chairman Hobelman closed the public hearing at 7:21 and reconvened the regular meeting.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the amended Future Land Use map. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. Various things were discussed. The Board thanked Dave Hansmeyer for the good job on snow removal.

Clint Simmons presented and explained the LARM (League Association of Risk Management) insurance proposal and premium quote. The LARM annual cycle runs from October 1 – September 30. There would be a prorated premium for February 4-September 30.

The Board considered the LARM insurance quote for \$20,131.00 annual premium, and an insurance quote from First State Insurance Agency for \$29,693.00 annual premium.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Kami Beaty, to become a member of LARM. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Resolution #02-2021-1 approving a 3-year term with LARM with 180-day notice of cancellation. The 3-year term gives a 5% premium discount. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The prorated premium for LARM insurance coverage for February 4 – September 30 is \$13,378.00.

There was a discussion of the new proposed well location north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve the land purchase agreement for the proposed well location north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. James and Cathy Roschewski are the sellers. The total price is \$30,000. The terms are \$3,000 down payment which gives the Village access to the property to have a test well drilled. Upon test results showing good water quality and quantity, the remaining \$27,000 will be paid to the Roschewski's. In the event the test results are not favorable, the Village will return the land to its original condition and purchase will be null and void. The \$3,000 down payment will be the Roschewski's to keep. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

There were two bid proposals for drilling a test well at the new well location site. Layne Christensen Company for \$49,403.00 and Sargent Well Drilling for \$31,230.00. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to award the project to Sargent Well Drilling for \$31,230.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Since no one stepped up to organize 2021 ball association, there will be no 2021 town ball for Firth.

Committee Assignments were given:

Water/Sewer Committee: Jason Cooper and Craig Middle

Street Committee: Kami Beaty and Jason Cooper

Park Committee: Amanda Eisenhauer and Craig Middle

Cemetery/dump Committee: Kami Beaty and Amanda Eisenhauer

There was a discussion regarding the Firth snow policy and how to amend it to cover current issues.

#### OPEN FORUM

A resident voiced a complaint about a dog owner not keeping their dogs confined to their yard.

Adjourn

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David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk