

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

January 4, 2022

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 **4th day of January 2022** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Craig Middle, Kami Beaty, and Amanda Eisenhauer. Jason Cooper was absent. Chairman Hobelman 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. Social distancing was practiced.

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

The minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **December** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Amanda Eisenhauer, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims:

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| Black Hills Energy | 90.40 |
| BOK Financial, NA | 1,722.50 |
| Capital City Refuse | 4,124.50 |
| Farmers' Cooperative | 140.21 |
| Firespring | 100.00 |
| First National Bank | 675.19 |
| Lancaster County Sheriff's Office | 1,074.21 |
| McNally Law Office | 150.00 |
| Microsoft Office 365 | 8.70 |
| Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC | 240.00 |
| Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab | 172.00 |
| Norris Public Power | 1,530.28 |
| Norris School District #160 | 20.00 |
| One Call Concepts, Inc. | 8.07 |
| Southeast Area Clerks Association | 10.00 |
| Voice News | 132.97 |
| Windstream | 298.39 |
| Board Meeting fees | 2,700.00 |
| Net Utility Deposit Refund | 6.28 |
| Total | 13,203.70 |

Peter Fellers from HBE presented the 2021 annual audit report. Everything was in good order with the financials.

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

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Amanda Eisenhauer, to approve the vendor agreement for Firth to participate in the DHHS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. The clerk will submit the completed agreement and necessary paperwork. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding the online portal authorization requirements for reporting on the American Recovery Plan Act funds. It was agreed that Kami Beaty will be the designated representative for Firth on the portal.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. It was noted that the snowplow broke at the beginning of plowing on New Years Day. Dave Hansmeyer was able to fix the plow but had to use the town tractor in the interim.

There was a short update on the well project. The project, which includes both new wells, is currently published for bids. Bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 1:00pm at the Firth Community Center. It is anticipated that the project will be substantially complete by July 1, 2022, with final completion by August 1, 2022.

There was a discussion regarding new technology for water meters and readers. The water committee will meet to learn more about the technology and what is best for Firth.

There was a discussion regarding security cameras for Village property. The board will consider using the old camera set at first.

It was agreed that NT Softball can again use the Firth Ballfield as the home field for their teams. T-ball and Coach Pitch teams will be through the Hickman league with some games using the Firth fields as well. Firth kids should sign up through Hickman. Any open time slots after T-ball, Coach Pitch, and NT Softball games are scheduled will be available for outside teams to use with the regular field usage fees. The Village will take care of scheduling for the fields.

It was agreed that all the dug out covers need to be rebuilt.

Street projects for 2022 were briefly discussed. It was be addressed again at the February meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

David L. Hobelman, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk