

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

February 3, 2015

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 **3rd day of February, 2015** in the Village Office at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Phil TenHulzen, Jarred Meyer, Craig Middle and Thelma DeYong. Chairman Hobelman presided and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted the location of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room for public viewing.

A motion was made by Jarred Meyer, seconded by Phil TenHulzen, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One abstain. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 6, 2015 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The monthly financial reports were presented by the Village Clerk in the absence of the Village Treasurer. It was moved by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to approve the financial reports as given. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Thelma DeYong, seconded by Jarred Meyer, 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	5,997.75
Payroll Taxes	505.00
Black Hills Energy	64.37
Dale Stertz – building inspections	40.00
DHHS	75.00
Farmers’ Cooperative	284.17
Firespring – website support	109.00
First National Bank	850.22
First State Bank Nebraska	2.00
HBE Becker Meyer Love, LLP	1,200.00
Huenink Refuse	3,553.50
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	1,820.04
McNally Law Office	325.00
NE Unemployment Insurance	17.58
Norris Public Power	2,111.87
Postmaster	220.00
Sam’s Club	744.73
Voice News	104.78
Windstream	131.14
Employee Reimbursements	90.44
Meeting fees	1,175.00
Utility Deposit refund	100.00
Total	19,521.59

The monthly maintenance report was given. Items discussed included:

- * Need to continue with annual street crack sealing in the spring.
- * The Village will likely need to install more water sampling stations in the future to comply with new testing regulations.
- * Nate Acton will again be working for Village Maintenance Department this summer.
- * There is a need for several cemetery decoration policy signs.
- * Village maintenance will schedule a meeting with the Parks committee regarding ball field policy for the upcoming season.
- * The Village may want look into getting a new mower after the upcoming mowing season.
- * Phil TenHulzen will schedule someone to come and clean out the brush dump before it opens in March.
- * It was stated that the Village should establish a truck route in order to make sure trucks are driving on the streets that are constructed for that sort of weight.

At 7:40PM Chairman Dave Hobelman closed the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing for the 1&6 Year Street Plan.

Ben Day from Olsson Associates presented the 2015 1&6 Year Street Plan. One addition to the plan was made.

Chairman Dave Hobelman closed the Public Hearing at 7:49PM and reopened the regular meeting.

It was moved by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to approve Resolution 2015-02-1 approving the 2015 1&6 Year Street

Plan as amended during the public hearing. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Laurie Stepanek from the Nebraska Forest Service presented information on the coming Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The Village Board will be working to create a public policy to deal with this issue. A Village tree inventory will be done in the spring. The Board will discuss possibly doing some preeminent cutting of Ash trees – particularly in the park. Educational information regarding the Emerald Ash Borer will be posted on the Village web site and periodic mailings with utility bills.

Two proposals for a Community Development Block Grant administrator were received by the published January 27, 2015 deadline. The proposals were from Miller & Associates out of Kearney, and SENDD (South East Nebraska Development District) out of Lincoln. The Board scored the proposals on a point system. SENDD received the most points. It was moved by Jarred Meyer, seconded by Phil TenHulzen, to award the contract to SENDD upon receipt of the CDBG funds. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The Land Water Conservation Grant for the splash pad project will be made official after Federal funding sometime after April 1, 2015. A Splash Pad project fundraising committee is being formed and work has been done on a fund raising brochure. Several other grants will be applied for to help fund the project. It is hoped that construction will begin in April of 2016.

OPEN FORUM

A letter from Kirk Helmink regarding the property he owns bordering the railroad tracks was discussed. Mr. Helmink will be invited to the March board meeting to discuss the property.

The clerk gave an update on the request for a change in designation on the Firth future land use map for the Marvin Weber property by the lagoons. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on February 5, 2015 to discuss their findings and decide how to proceed.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk

David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman