

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 2025**

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 November 2025** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Todd Carlson, Jason Cooper, Tina Booton, and Craig Middle. Samantha Henderson was absent. The Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room for review.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve the October 7, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the October 2025 financial report. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Middle, to approve the October financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

Current Claims were read. It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve current claims. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Salaries	10,535.42
Payroll Taxes	722.39
Simple IRA Employer Match	316.07
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Advantage Computer – annual fees	825.00
Black Hills Energy	177.63
Blue Cross Blue Shield – village portion premium	783.94
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,713.75
Fahr Home Solutions – new com ctr heat pump	7,200.00
Farmers’ Cooperative – fuel	259.48
Firespring – website host	117.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc supplies	1,348.76
Guardian Life – employee benefits	63.09
Lancaster Co Sheriff – Sept/Oct contract hours	2,808.11
McNally Law Office – legal counsel	200.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	17.41
MMC Consulting, LLC – clerk reference manual	415.00
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC bldg inspections	370.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	15.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	1,756.43
Olsson - consulting	218.00
Roof Guard, LLC – Hail Damage Roof Replacements	54,894.62
United Rentals – compressor/blow out sprinklers	240.00
Voice News - publications	129.27
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	424.53
FACET Expense - reimbursements	369.84
Total	89,520.74

PUBLIC COMMENT Period – The Board Chair stated that no Board dialog or action can be taken.

- Sarah Lefferdink gave a FACET update. \$750.00 was raised at the 11/2 soup supper. Firth Old Fashioned Christmas is scheduled for December 6, 2025.
- Dan Svatos stated that things are getting closer to starting a Firth Community Foundation to be managed by the Nebraska Communities Foundation. Once \$25,000 has been raised an endowment account will be started. Specific project accounts can be started with a \$5,000 minimum.

At 7:30pm it was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Tina Booton to open a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on the 2026 1&6 Year Street Plan for the Village of Firth. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Jason Cooper, to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to approve the 2026 Firth 1&6 Year Street Plan as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer was absent so Todd Carlson gave the monthly maintenance report. Several things of note:

- Nitrates dropped some in all 3 wells in the latest testing
- Maintenance is currently jetting sewer lines and flushing fire hydrants
- Maintenance is exercising water valves
- Well drawdowns have remained steady

It was stated that the Hail Damage Roof Replacement project done by Roof Guard is now complete. Only vent covers on the old fire barn remain to be replaced.

The Board agreed to include the small street repair projects together as a bid option when the downtown sidewalk and Firth Road sidewalk projects are bid. It is thought that this will help get lower bids for the street repairs since it will be coupled with a larger project.

The Board discussed recent vandalism in the main park and also at the lift station, the ball park concession stand, and the brush dump area. It was agreed to add "new fencing" for the brush dump area to the December meeting agenda. The Board will revisit the issue at the December meeting.

There was an update on current Nuisance property enforcement. Courtesy notices were sent out in October. As of November 17 the Village will revisit the identified properties and move forward with the enforcement procedure on any properties with remaining nuisance violations.

It was agreed to have the Village Attorney draft a statement outlining the need to notify the Village prior to any work residents want to do in the ROW.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve Resolution #2025-11-1 authorizing the Board Chair to sign the Year End Certification of Village Street Superintendent. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve Resolution #2025-11-2 adopting the 2025 updated County Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan done by JEO and the Lower Platte South NRD. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. (S. Henderson was absent.) Motion carried.

Committee Reports were given.

It was agreed to write off the remaining \$119.00 utility balance for 505 May Street. There were no actual utilities used. The estate is refusing to pay and the house has changed hands.

It was agreed to contact Paul Ebbers regarding pushing snow on the Park sidewalk in the event of a large snow.

At the October meeting the Board voted to put the Village garbage service out for bid. The current contract runs through June 2026. It was agreed to wait until January to request bids.

There was a brief discussion regarding several recent complaints of feral cats in a specific area of the Village.

8:37pm: Meeting adjourned.

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk