

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

April 1, 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 **1st day of April, 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, Samantha Henderson, Jason Cooper, Craig Middle and Tina Booton. 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 Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the March 6th regular meeting minutes and the March 13, 2025, special meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the March financial report. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the March financial report and authorize the treasurer to transfer the current TIF funds from the general account to the Bond A and Bond B accounts. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Claims were read. It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve current claims (including the regular monthly Norris Public Power and Farmer's Cooperative bills that will be received after the meeting.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Salaries	10,079.76
Payroll Taxes	690.01
Simple IRA Employer Match	298.02
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Better Backyards – park sidewalk snow removal	175.00
Black Hills Energy	160.89
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	553.12
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,407.75
Farmers' Cooperative - fuel	270.59
Firespring – website host	100.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc supplies	236.90
Kristin Draper – reimburse NPZA conference exp	601.34
Lovell Excavating LLC	1,400.00
McNally Law Office – legal counsel	260.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	20.51
Nebraska Code Consulting – bldg plan review/insp.	235.00
Nebraska Planning & Zoning Asso – conference fees	235.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	985.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	2,197.16
Olsson - engineering	3,300.00
Principal Life Insurance Company – emp benefits	145.81
Sam's Club – Annual Software fees + misc supplies	1,790.83
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	423.81
Total	29,167.50

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

- John Mardock, Lincoln Lancaster Emergency Management liaison for Firth, was present and gave a report of 1st quarter incidents.
- Bruce Docter was present and stated his thoughts on the lack of access to the property he owns west of Everett Street.
- Sarah Lefferdink was present on behalf of FACET. She gave an update on the April 19 Annual Easter Egg Hunt planning and briefly talked about Firth Fun Day and a possible Mother's Day event.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson to authorize the Treasurer to sign the necessary documents to raise the monthly ACH transaction limit at First State Bank by \$5,000.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. He briefly discussed:

- Nitrate level testing and draw down levels.
- Dave picked up the sewer jetter after having the motor rebuilt. Dave plans to use the jetter over the next several weeks to make sure it is working properly.
- Ballfields are being used for practices with games to begin in May. Dave has removed one side of the dugout 0312
- bleachers to rebuild them.
- Ty Twarling has accepted the summer mowing job.

Boy Scout Troop 111 was present to discuss a possible troop project to place a flagpole and landscaping at the new Welcome to Firth sign location. Susanah Friesen asked questions of the board, on behalf of the troop. The troop is willing to do the labor for the project. The board will research the project and come up with a plan and then discuss with Troop 111.

Todd Carlson read Ordinance #04-2025-1 by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCAST COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE DATES OF SALE AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS TO INCLUDE NEW YEAR'S DAY AND SEVERAL DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CLONFLICT; AND PROJVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to waive the three separate readings of Ordinance #04-2025-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance #04-2025-1 amending the dates of sale and discharge of fireworks in Firth. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Board discussed having preliminary engineering reports done on the water system and the wastewater system to establish potential direction of how to move forward in the event of population growth or environmental changes.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Jason Cooper, to move forward with asking Olsson to do a preliminary engineering report for the water system and the wastewater system. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed to schedule the hours for the Firth Cleanup Day on May 10 from 7:30am-11:30am. The Goodwill truck will pick up donations at 11:30am. Flyers will be included in the April utility bills and a mailing will be sent later in the month.

The Board Chair stated that the dog issues from the preceding month are in the process of being remedied.

The Board briefly discussed creating an local official emergency management plan for Village Board and Staff. Tina Booton agreed to head this up.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk