

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

April 7, 2026

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 **7th day of April 2026** 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: Board Chair: Todd Carlson, Board Trustees: Jason Cooper, Tina Booton, Samantha Henderson, and Craig Middle. 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 Samantha Henderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the March 3, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the March 2026 financial report. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve the March financial report as presented and authorize the treasurer to make TIF funds transfers of \$4,068.48 to the Bond A account and \$452.05 to the Bond B account. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current claims were read. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve current claims. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Salaries	10,275.09
Payroll Taxes	700.45
Simple IRA Employer Match	308.26
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Black Hills Energy	188.71
Blue Cross Blue Shield – village portion premium	783.94
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,407.75
Farmers’ Cooperative – fuel & propane	67.70
Firespring – website host	117.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc supplies	472.38
Guardian Life – employee benefits	63.09
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	2,855.81
McNally Law Office – legal counsel	460.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	17.41
Midwest Fireworks Wholesalers	4,500.00
Nebraska Code Consulting	425.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	286.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	2,093.48
Olsson – Water PRE	3,622.07
One Call Concepts, Inc	3.28
Sam’s Club – Intuit annual subscription	1,697.50
Voice News	238.05
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	436.92
FACET expenses	733.59
Total	35,533.48

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

- Sarah Lefferdink reported on the FACET Easter Eggstravaganza event that was held on March 28. The multi-town garage sale weekend is coming up in June as well as Firth Fun Day on June 27.
- Beth Nelson and her husband talked about the feral cat problem in their neighborhood.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. Several things of note:

- Purchased a GoPro 360* camera on a stick. Half of the Village manholes have been inspected and recorded so far.
- Ty Twarling will fill the summer mowing help position again for 2026.
- Had to get a new float for the lift station and purchased two extras to have on hand.

- Norris Middle School student council will be coming out to clean sticks and trash out of the park.

Brock Hannish and Kerry Kernen from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department gave an overview of the services the department offers in the county.

The Chair read Ordinance 04-2026-1 by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE STANDARDS, AND REGULATIONS FOR LANCASTER COUNTY REGARDING ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, INSPECTION OF ON-SITE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS PRIOR TO THE SALE, TRANSFER OR CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY, AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL, IN ORDER TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LANCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HEALTH REGULATION INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND ONE-MILE JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to waive the 3 readings for Ordinance #04-2026-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance #04-2026-1 which adopts the County regulations by Resolution # for on-site wastewater treatment facilities, inspection of on-site water supply systems, and wastewater treatment systems prior to the sale, transfer or conveyance of property, and air pollution control. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

A copy of Ordinance #04-2026-1 is available in pamphlet form at the Firth Village Office.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve the contract with Midwest Fireworks for the June 27 annual fireworks show in Firth in the amount of \$4,500.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to accept the bid from Paul Ebbers, Better Backyards, for the mowing of the Nemaha Street and 4th Street ditches as needed for the 2026 mowing season. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson to move to Municipal Impact for website hosting and to pay the set-up fee to migrate the information from the existing site to the new site. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer will set the budget and schedule the annual crack sealing for the Village.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to raise community center fees to:

- \$60.00 – 4 hours and less (including set up and clean up.)
- \$120.00 – over 4 hours (including set up and clean up.)
- \$200.00 – Damage deposit – if ANY cleaning needs done \$50.00 will be deducted from the deposit as a cleaning fee.

Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

The Master Fee Schedule will be amended to reflect the new community center fees.

There was some discussion about starting a Neighborhood Watch type group in Firth.

It was agreed to have the April sheriff contract hours include monitoring Allen Street for speeding and not stopping for the stop sign.

At 8:32pm it was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Tina Booton, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the bids for weekly garbage service in Firth. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

At 8:45pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Tina Booton, to award the weekly garbage service bid to Capital City Refuse. The new contract will begin July 1, 2026. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays.. Motion carried.

Committee Reports were given.

Adjourn 8:48pm.

Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk