

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

June 3, 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 **3rd day of June, 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 Tina Booton, 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 Samantha Henderson, seconded by Crag Middle, to approve the May 6 regular 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 May financial report. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the May 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 Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve current claims, (including the regular monthly Norris Public Power and Farmers Coop bill that come 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	10,738.34
Payroll Taxes	741.96
Simple IRA Employer Match	303.49
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
BARCO – street signs	216.41
Better Backyards – Nemaha ditch mowing	2,150.00
Black Hills Energy	157.76
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	553.12
Cede & Co – note payment	674.50
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,733.00
Farmers’ Cooperative - fuel	467.03
Firespring – website host	100.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc supplies	836.76
Lancaster County Sheriff – contract hours May	1,379.91
Legue Association of Risk Management - Workers Comp	688.08
Lovell Excavating – replace broken stop box	800.00
McNally Law Office – legal counsel	200.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	34.82
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha - supplies	535.09
NDEE-Fiscal Services – note payments	2,791.24
Nebraska Municipal Clerks’ Asso – Annual dues	50.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	695.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	1,953.37
One Call Concepts, Inc. – diggers hotline	6.04
Principal Life Insurance Company – emp benefits	145.81
Sam’s Club – misc supplies	906.50
Voice News – May	115.28
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	423.95
FACET expense	204.78
Total	33,202.24

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

- Tammy Haake talked about nuisance properties and junked, unlicensed vehicles in the Village and asked how the Village nuisance regulations are enforced.

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

- Nitrate levels have shown no significant drop
- No deficiencies were found in the routine sanitary survey
- Sewer lines will be jetted during the next several weeks
- Midwest Dirtworks will schedule for the May Street ditch cleanout and rework for late summer
- Crack sealing will be done in the next week
- The new summer mowing help is working out nicely

Kristin Draper, Planning Commission Chair, gave an update on the Future Land Use Map open houses and the Planning Commission's recommendation to move forward with the proposed changes to the Future Land Use Map. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 29, 2025. The Board will hold a public hearing on August 5, 2025.

The clerk Stated that Olsson should have bidding documents for the downtown and Firth Road sidewalk projects at the July 1, 2025 meeting.

The Board briefly discussed the speeding issues in town.

Tina Booten explained the reason to identify what Village needs would be in the event of an emergency, including communication, call tree, documentation, etc. The "signal" app was brought up as a way to keep communication going between the board and staff and emergency responders during an emergency.

There was a brief discussion about the need to create some sort of permit for anything done within the Village Right of Way. There have been several curb stops damaged in the ROW in the last month. This sort of damage could easily be prevented if there was a permit system in place.

At 7:55pm. it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential litigation issue. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:07pm it was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

No formal action taken after executive session.

It was agreed to schedule the annual budget workshop meeting for Tuesday July 8, 2025.

Committee Reports

Streets – the "No Outlet" sign was put up on Tekolste Drive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk