

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

January 6, 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 **6th day of January, 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 and Craig Middle. Thelma DeYong was absent. 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 Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, no Nays. One absent. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 2, 2014 regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The monthly financial reports were presented by the Village Treasurer. It was moved by Jarred Meyer, seconded by Phil TenHulzen, to approve the financial reports as given. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, no Nays. One absent. Motion carried.

It was moved by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to approve payment of current bills as presented. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, no Nays. One absent. Motion carried.

The prior month paid bills are as follows:

Salaries	5,899.00
Payroll Taxes	464.86
Bill's Trophy Shop	37.28
Black Hills Energy	41.38
Cede & Co.	21,631.25
Dale Stertz – building inspections	40.00
Dave Hobelman – reimbursement	200.00
DHHS	143.00
Farmers' Cooperative	961.07
Firespring – website support	430.00
First National Bank	498.33
Huenink Refuse	3,553.50
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,033.49
NDEQ-Fiscal Services	4,556.56
Nebraska Environmental Products	2,810.76
Norris Public Power	1,593.44
One Call Concepts, Inc.	4.10
Sam's Club	6.78
Windstream	131.14
Employee Reimbursements	90.95
Total	44,126.89

Craig Middle took the oath of office. He had the highest write-in votes in the November election. The current board members welcomed him to the board.

Sara Hartzell from the Lancaster County Planning Dept. was present to gather information for the upcoming Citizens Institute of Rural Design workshop. The current Firth Strategic Plan, Master Park Plan and the Appreciative Inquiry reports will be sent for review. Ms. Hartzell reminded the Board that 3-5 Firth residents can attend the workshop to be held in March.

Heather Riensche and Macy Westover were both present to discuss a donation idea for the Village of Firth. Both are in Girl Scouts and have created a Trees' for Towns project where they would like to get donations from community residents and would also give 1/2 of their cookie sales to purchase trees for Firth and Holland. The Firth treasurer stated he would do some checking with the CPA on how to go about the donations.

Marvin Weber was present to talk about various issues with his property south of Firth. He stated the need for correct easements to be in place for the lagoon access road and also the sewer force main which runs from the lift station to the lagoons. The Village is already in the process of making sure all the easements are correct and filed. Mr. Weber also asked if the red gate at the lagoon access road could be removed in order for farm equipment to get through. The board thought this would be fine since it is Mr. Weber's property. However more research will be done.

It was moved by Dave Hobelman, seconded by Phil TenHulzen to approve Resolution 2015-01-1 to place a lien on 405 May Street for

past due utility fees. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One absent. Motion carried.

Dave Musiel sent a list of requests to the Village Board for the proposed car show to be held June 6, 2015. It was agreed that the board would pay for two porta potties for the event and that Mr. Musiel must submit a certificate of additional insured naming the Village of Firth. The Board agreed that any tent set up in the street would need to be put up that morning and taken down that evening. No tent should be in the street overnight.

It was moved by Jarred Meyer, seconded by Phil TenHulzen, to pay \$62.50 for the People's Choice trophy awards for the Car Show. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, No Nays. One absent. Motion carried.

It was moved by Phil TenHulzen, seconded by Jarred Meyer, to agree to procure a certified grant administrator for the CBDG grant. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. One absent. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the Village should look into a Nebraska Community Foundation Affiliated Fund for the Splash Pad project.

A February meeting date will be scheduled for the board to meet with a representative of the NE Forestry Department to begin to establish a public policy for the Ash Borer situation.

OPEN FORUM

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk

David L. Hobelman, Board Chairman