

MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
September 2, 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 **2nd day of September 2025** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman at 6:48pm immediately after the conclusion of the Annual Budget Hearing. 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 Jason Cooper, 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.

The Clerk read Resolution #2025-00-1 setting the 2025-2026 tax request at \$137,916.62.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve Resolution 2025-09-1 setting the 2025-2026 tax request at \$137,916.62. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #09-2025-1 in full.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE NAMED “THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL”; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE 2025-026 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Samantha Henderston, seconded by Tina Booton, to waive the 3 separate readings of Ordinance #09-2025-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to adopt Ordinance #09-2025-1 adopting the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

A full copy of Ordinance #09-2025-1 is available in pamphlet form at the Firth Village Office.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the August 5, 2025 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 August financial report. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the August financial report as presented and make the necessary transfer of TIF funds 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 Samantha Henderson, to approve current claims, (including the regular monthly Norris Public Power and Farmers Coop bills 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	11,275.81
Payroll Taxes	764.01
Simple IRA Employer Match	338.27
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Better Backyards	1,075.00
Black Hills Energy	197.26
Blue Cross Blue Shield	783.94
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,854.58
Farmers’ Cooperative – fuel, truck tires	1,670.70
Firespring – website host	100.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc supplies	1,372.83
Guardian Life – employee benefits	114.99
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office – June & July	1,372.83
League of NE Municipalities –annual membership fee	18.00
MacQueen Equipment – sewer jetter rebuild	20,585.81
McNally Law Office – legal counsel	200.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	17.41
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	802.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	1,939.00
Olsson	2,808.71
One Call Concepts, Inc	4.88
Sam’s Club - scanner	360.99
Saragent Drilling – Well Tests	1,772.00
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	423.65
Employee Mileage	34.39
Total	34,852.81

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

- Tammy Haake asked the status on Nuisance abatement for properties in Firth.

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

- The Village might want to consider a newer sewer jetter as parts are becoming obsolete for the current jetter
- Water production was higher due to drier weeks in August.
- The Sargent report was received – all three wells are in good working order at this time.
- The brush dump was open for over a week after the storm for storm related limbs and branches. This was posted on the website and Dave Hansmeyer reached out to people who had storm damage.

Randy Sieck and Josh Gillets from Living Life Church discussed what the church will be doing on the north side of the newer addition along 7th Street. The Board was in agreement with the plans.

Chief Deputy Houchin from the Sheriff’s Department gave an overview of the last several years. Firth is a safe community. He stated the department would “rather be called and have it turn out to be nothing, than to not be called and have a crisis.” He stated the new speed trailer is on the list for Firth Road. He asked the Board notify Captian John Vik of what contract hours are preferred for October.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the upcoming FACET events:

11/2 – Chili Cookoff and vendor fair

12/6 – Firth Old Fashioned Christmas

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

The Clerk read Resolution #2025-09-2, authorizing the Board Chair to sign the annual Municipal Certification of Program Compliance for 2025 from Nebraska Department of Roads.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle to approve Resolution #2025-09-1 authorizing the Board Chair to sign the annual Municipal Certification of Program Compliance for 2025. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #09-2025-2.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING WAGES AND SALARIES, HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM/STIPEND AMOUNTS, AND CELL PHONE STIPEND AMOUNTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 TO AND THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2026; PREPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to waive the 3 separate readings of Ordinance #09-2025-2. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to adopt Ordinance #09-2025-2 setting wages, health insurance premiums/stipends, and cell phone stipends for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

A full copy of Ordinance #09-2025-2 is available in pamphlet form at the Firth Village Office.

The Board discussed the possibility of putting the garbage service contract out for bid. The purpose of seeking bids for the garbage service would be to ensure the Village residents are getting the best service for the best possible price. The board was in favor of moving forward.

Nuisance properties were discussed. The Village is still in the identification stage. A community member stated how frustrating it is to watch neighbors' properties getting "worse and worse" with nothing being done about it. Craig Middle and Tina Booton agreed to ride with Village Maintenance to identify properties in the coming month. Nuisance abatement notices will be sent after the next meeting.

7:49pm: It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samanthas Henderson, to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing received bids for the Firth Roof Replacement project. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

8:01pm: It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, 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.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to award the bid for the Firth Roof Replacement project (includes 12 structures) to Roof Guard, LLC out of Sterling, Nebraska, in the amount of \$77,935.52. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Committee Reports were given.

John Mardock, Firth liaison to Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management, gave an update on emergency calls during the previous 3 months. There were 17 weather-related calls during the period.

8:13pm: Meeting adjourned.

Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk