

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

May 6, 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 **6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 Samantha Henderson, seconded by Tina Booton 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 Jason Cooper, to approve the April 1 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 April financial report. It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the April 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 Craig Middle, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve current claims. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

**Current Month Claims**

Salaries	10,304.49
Payroll Taxes	707.20
Simple IRA Employer Match	304.76
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Arbor Ink – FLU map open house mailing	252.32
Black Hills Energy	156.79
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	553.12
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,733.00
Farmers’ Cooperative - fuel	313.21
Firespring – website host	100.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc supplies	1,733.48
Firth Postmaster – bulk mailing permit fee	350.00
Five Rule Rural Planning – FLU open house	2,071.21
Lancaster County Sheriff – contract hours Mar/April	2,772.80
McNally Law Office – legal counsel	430.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	20.51
Midwest Connect – FLU map open house mailing	674.59
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha - supplies	168.86
Nebraska Code Consulting – bldg plan review/insp.	290.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	85.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	1,915.08
Olsson - engineering	2,250.00
One Call Concepts, Inc. – diggers hotline	21.59
Principal Life Insurance Company – emp benefits	145.81
Sam’s Club – misc supplies	84.39
Schrock Innovations – service call	170.00
TCA Outdoor Power – snowplow repair	790.99
Voice News – March/April	492.55
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	423.95
Total	32,915.70

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

- Beverly Musiel, owner of Auto Gallery at 501 Everett was present. She has concerns about was/is going on with the property behind the Auto Gallery. She asked to be notified if anything is planned to go in behind her property.
- Sarah Lefferedink was present on behalf of FACET. She gave a short expense report for the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be no Mother’s Day event this year. FACET is looking into a Saltdogs game fundraiser for the summer. Firth Fun Day is June

28. Sarah told the Board about a “foam party” company that FACET would like to include in FFD.

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

- Water production is up. The routine Sanitary Survey with the State is scheduled for May 7.
- 2 curb stops need repaired.
- Nitrate levels are still being monitored.
- The lift station transducer needs replaced.
- A “No Outlet” sign is ordered and will be placed on Tekolste Drive by the cluster mailbox.
- Dave will rent a skid loader to move the pea gravel at the main park playground/

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve a fireworks sale permit for Christopher and Dillan Durham to sell fireworks from the detached garage on their property at 8340 Firth Road from June 25 through July 4, 2025. 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 approve a request from Scott Papenhagen to have a beer garden in front of Papa D’s on Nemaha Street during Firth Fun Day. Closing time will be midnight. 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 Tina Booten, to approve the Franchise agreement with Allo Communications, LLC. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried. “Pole Attachments” will be discussed with Allo separately from the agreement.

The Norris FFA students and sponsor can help with the upcoming Firth Clean Up Day on May 8. It was agreed to provide a pizza lunch for the volunteers.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Tina Booten, to move forward with the nuisance abatement process for nuisance properties in the Village. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

After a discussion, it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to set the 2025 Splash Pad hours as:

Mondays: Closed for Maintenance  
Tuesdays/Thursdays: 11:00am-1:00pm  
Wednesdays/Fridays: 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Saturdays: 10:00am-6:00pm  
Sundays: 1:00m-5:00pm

The Splash Pad will be open on the following holidays:

Memorial Day – 1:00pm-6:00pm  
Fourth of July – 11:00pm-6:00pm  
Labor Day – 1:00pm-6:00pm

It was agreed that the best way to brainstorm emergency management procedures would be at a special meeting. A special meeting will be scheduled in the next several months.

It was agreed there is a need to rework several ditches in town including both sides of May Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.. Village Maintenance will contact Midwest Dirtworks to see what all would be involved and what their schedule is.

The Board Chair gave an update on the Downtown Sidewalk Project. Todd Carlson and Dave Hansmeyer met with two reps from Olsson and walked the sidewalks. It is a possibility to keep the existing curbs and possibly the streetside half of the existing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street sidewalk. ADA ramps into businesses will be bid out as alternate bids.

There was a brief discussion regarding the procedure for moving ahead with putting a local option sales tax out for a vote. The Board will discuss further.

Committee Reports were given.

- It was noted that the sludge needs to be cleaned out of the lagoons.
- The Village is paying the difference between the actual yard waste signups and the amount of signups needed in order for Captial City Refuse to run the yard waste route in Firth. An insert regarding signups will be included with the June utility bills. If there is not at least half of the needed signups to keep the route, the Village will stop paying the difference and the yard waste route will be discontinued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

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Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk