

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

February 3, 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 **3rd day of February 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, Craig Middle and Samantha Henderson. 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, C. Middle, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the January 6, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the January 2026 financial report. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve the January financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) 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 bill and Farmers' Cooperative bill that will be received after the meeting.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Salaries	10,417.20
Payroll Taxes	703.52
Simple IRA Employer Match	306.52
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
All Roads Barricades – Stop sign	40.20
Black Hills Energy	178.39
Blue Cross Blue Shield – village portion premium	783.94
Board fees and Board Chair stipend– 2 nd half of 2025	4,450.00
Capital City Refuse – garbage service	4,407.75
Farmers' Cooperative – fuel & propane	81.49
Firespring – website host	117.00
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	200.00
First National Bank of Omaha – misc supplies	547.24
Guardian Life – employee benefits	63.09
HBE Becker Meyer Love LLP – 2024-2025 Audit	21,600.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office – contract hours	2,932.58
McNally Law Office – legal counsel	200.00
Microsoft Office 365 - software	17.41
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Omaha	6,020.00
Nebraska Code Consulting LLC – bldg inspections	695.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab -testing	15.00
Norris Public Power - electricity	2,446.25
One Call Concepts, Inc.	1.64
Sam's Club –	651.99
Schrock Innovations	170.00
Southeast Area Clerks Association - dues	10.00
Voice News - publications	203.03
Windstream – com ctr and maintenance bldg	436.92
Total	58,296.16

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

- There was no public comment

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

- Water production is stable.

- Quarterly testing results show nitrates are up a little – but well within normal range.
- Maintenance will have APMS out to discuss crack sealing for the Village – Street Committee should measure for linear feet.
- The replacement basketball backboard has been delivered. Dave will need help to install it.

Sarah Lefferdink, Erica Graham from FACET and Casey Lowe from Studio Byrd Lowe shared their frustrations and complaints about the Village stance on a co-sponsored event they want to do on 2/13/2026. Members of the Board listened and explained the Village actions and requirements are due to Village insurance coverage. "Following discussion, FACET requested that the Board approve a separate event independent of Studio Byrd Lowe. FACET stated that the separate event would be titled "Love Your Glow" Vendor Market."

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Tina Booton, to approve the 2/13/2026 Love Your Glow Vendor Market to be held at the Firth Community Center. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Board Chair stated that the Board will create written guidelines and an event approval form to use for FACET events. This will hopefully eliminate any misunderstandings in the future.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle to set May 9, 2026, as the Firth Spring Clean Up Day. Samantha Henderson will line up roll offs to be available from 8:00am-11:30am that day. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Board Chair read Ordinance #02-2026-1 by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SOLID WASTE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance makes official the decades-long policy that every village resident (and some smaller businesses) be served by the Village approved weekly garbage service and charged on the monthly Firth utility bill.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to waive the customary 3 separate readings of Ordinance #02-2026-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Booton, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Tina Booton, to adopt Ordinance #02-2026-1, officially requiring all Village residents (and smaller businesses) to be served by the Village approved garbage hauler and charged on the monthly Village utility bills.

Nuisance properties were discussed. Fines will be assessed for two properties if the nuisances still exist. Unlicensed vehicles will be monitored on a monthly basis. Nuisance properties will be addressed and notified once a quarter.

The Board discussed switching to Municipal Impact for website hosting – Information on how to transfer the firth.nebraska.gov domain will be reported on at the March meeting.

The Board briefly discussed raising the community center rental fees and possibly adding a reimbursable cleaning fee. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

The Board is still working on the ROW work policy statement. The statement will be send it out with utility bills in the spring.

The Sheriff contract hours were discussed. It was agreed that later evening/night hours are needed and Sunday mornings are not an effective time to have the sheriff here. Possibly starting a Neighborhood Watch group was brought up. The Clerk will research this.

The Board discussed possible updates to the cemetery, and raising lot fees. This will be further discussed at the March meeting.

Committee reports were given.

- Water
- Sewer
- Streets
- Parks
- Cemetery
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Meeting Adjourned – 8:31pm.

Todd Carlson – Board Chairman
