

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 2024**

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 February 2024** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairwoman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Craig Middle, Todd Carlson, and Samantha Henderson. The Chairwoman presided, and the Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room for review.

A motion was made by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the January 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the **January** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve presented bills to be paid. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,783.74
Payroll Taxes	689.72
Simple IRA Employer Match	290.64
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Black Hills Energy	249.58
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09
Capital City Refuse	4,405.00
Farmers' Cooperative	851.25
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	574.48
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc.	987.11
HBE Becker Meyer Love LLP	4,200.00
Intuit	371.84
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	2,541.36
League Association of Risk Management	304.70
Lovell Excavating LLC	1,500.00
McNally Law Office	240.00
Microsoft Office	8.70
Municipal Supply	163.47
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Nebraska Rural Water Association	300.00
Norris Public Power	2,660.96
Olsson	987.46
One Call Concepts, Inc.	4.80
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Southeast Area Clerks Association	10.00
TCA Outdoor Power	666.00
Windstream	372.99
FACET Expense	86.17
Total	40,676.78

The Clerk gave the monthly maintenance report.

There was a brief discussion about creating a specific local disaster recovery plan for the Village.

Trista Jennings addressed the board regarding dog regulations in the Firth Municipal Code. She suggested some potential changes she would like to see, including requiring cats to be licensed. The Board thanked her for her suggestions and will investigate them further.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the Midwest Fireworks contract for the annual Firth fireworks show to be held June 20, 2024 in conjunction with Firth Fun Day for up to \$3,750.00. (The past several years the contract

has been \$3,500. The higher amount is to account for any inflation in the cost of fireworks.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the process of adopting a newer International Building Code. The Village is currently working under the 2009 International Building Codes. The ordinances Bennet used to adopt the 2018 International Building Codes were reviewed. Jarred Meyer was present and discussed how he had helped create the ordinances to adopt the 2009 building codes for Firth when he was on the Village Board. He is willing to offer his assistance as the Village updates to more current version of the International Building Codes. The Clerk will forward the Firth ordinances and the Bennet ordinances for him to review.

The Board again discussed building inspectors and noted that a certificate of insurance should be required from all Village inspectors as well as other contractors.

The 7th Street ditch and culvert repair project and cost estimate (from Midwest Dirtworks) was discussed. It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve the highlighted portions of the cost estimate (plus the alley culvert replacement on the north side of street, if needed,) not to exceed \$29,999.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

The Clerk will draft letters to the 4 remaining residents with unlicensed vehicles on their property. Todd Carlson will make contact with the residents.

Village Maintenance will make a list of nuisance properties for the next meeting so the Board can move forward with the nuisance abatement process.

The water main break on May Street between 4th and 5th Streets was discussed. That water main is one of the oldest in the Village and only 4". It should be on the schedule to replace next. Since that portion of the water main is located under the street, it was agreed to do the 2024 May Street overlay project only from 2nd Street to 4th Street and to overlay the 4th Street to 5th Street portion in conjunction with the water main replacement, possibly in 2025.

The Village was awarded a \$2,500.00 Operation Roundup grant from Norris Public Power to go toward a new Welcome to Firth sign which will be placed on the north side of Firth Road - directly south of the detention cell. PIP Signs submitted a bid of \$18,798.53 for the construction of the sign. It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the bid and move forward with the sign project. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Trista Jennings suggested talking with the local Boy Scouts about a possible Eagle Scout project to place flag poles, lights and flags at the new Welcome to Firth sign location.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to schedule the 2024 Firth Clean Up Day for Saturday May 11, 2024. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, T. Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Karla Houfek thanked the Village for the great job of snow removal during January.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm.

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk