

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 1, 2022**

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 **1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Eric Mercier and Craig Middle. The Chairperson 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 Kami Beaty, seconded by Eric Mercier, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 4, 2022, regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the **October** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve presented bills to be paid, (including the regular Norris Public Power and Farmers Coop bills that come later in the month.) Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) member dues will be considered at the December meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

**Current Month Claims**

Advantage Computer	825.00
Better Backyards	925.00
Black Hills Energy	83.16
Capital City Refuse	4,389.00
Farmers' Cooperative	169.66
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	478.57
International Institute of Municipal Clerks	210.00
Lancaster Co Sheriff's Office	1,245.10
Lovell Excavating	200.00
McNally Law Office	470.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Omaha	597.40
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	395.00
Norris Public Power	1,557.86
Olsson	8,076.56
One Call Concepts, Inc.	2.78
Principal Financial	95.74
Sargent Well Drilling	123,870.17
Voice News	481.44
Windstream	422.56
Employee mileage	43.76
Total	144,647.46

Tracy Refior introduced himself. He is running for County Treasurer in the November 8<sup>th</sup> general election.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report. He discussed the September 24 water main break at 4<sup>th</sup> and Allen. The Board may want to consider replacing old 4" water mains with 6" mains in several areas in town.

Both new well houses have the cement block walls up and will be insulated and grouted this week.

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Eric Mercier, to approve the Tekolste Investments administrative plat for 9470 Firth Road. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve Resolution #2022-11-1 giving the Chair authorization to sign the annual Street Certification required by the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hobelman read Ordinance #11-2022-1 in its entirety, setting Board fees for the upcoming two-year term. Fees will remain the same as current fees.

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022-1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENCING DECEMBER 2022, AND CONTINUING TO AND THROUGH NOVEMBER 2024; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA:**

**SECTION 1. That the following compensation amounts be and hereby are established for the Village Board members, as follows:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>\$200/month plus \$100/regular meeting and \$50/special meeting</b>
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>\$100/regular meeting and \$50/special meeting</b>

**SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.**

**SECTION 3. This ordinance shall go into force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.**

**DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.**

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It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Jason Cooper, to waive the customary 3 separate readings for Ordinance #11-2022-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Kami Beaty, to adopt Ordinance #11-2022-1 setting Board and Chair fees for the upcoming two-year term. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Jared Meyer was present and asked the board to allow school related activities to utilize the Community Center at no charge. After some discussion the Board decided to leave the policy as it. All non-profit groups are charged \$20 for up to 4 hours.

There was continuing discussion about planning a spring Village clean-up day. It was agreed to schedule the event for Saturday May 6, 2023. Jarred Meyer suggested contacting the Norris FFA to see if they would help with this event. The Clerk will contact the FFA sponsor.

There was a discussion about possibility of utilizing the park basketball court as a pickleball court.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve a \$1,200 amount for a 14' evergreen tree from Price's Tree Farm, to be moved into the park to replace the smaller tree which was planted in the spring in error. (No payment has been made for the small tree.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The Board continued the discussion of a Welcome to Firth Sign that would point to the business district. The board will continue to research various styles and cost.

**OPEN FORUM**

The Village office will be closed on November 8 due to the election.

Dave Hobelman is not on the ballot and December will be his last meeting as Chair and a Board trustee. He has served on the Village Board for 40.5 consecutive years.

Meeting Adjourned.

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David L. Hobelman, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk