

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

May 2, 2023

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Todd Carlson, and Samantha Henderson. Craig Middle was absent. 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 Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. One vacancy. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023, regular meeting. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty) no Nays. Absent one. One Vacancy. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month and Bond B accounts. It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the **April** financial report as presented and authorize transfer of TIF property tax funds received to the Bond A and Bond B accounts. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. One vacancy. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve presented bills to be paid, (including the regular Norris Public Power, and Farmer’s Coop bill that will come later in the month.) Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. One vacancy. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,319.17
Payroll Taxes	655.81
Simple IRA Employer Match	264.51
Health Ins stipend, cell phone reimbursement	600.00
Black Hills Energy	137.81
Blue Cross Blue Shield	484.67
Capital City Refuse	4,389.00
Commercial Recreation Specialists	102.90
Farmers’ Cooperative	213.67
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	2,993.45
Five Rule, LLC	1,200.00
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	1,238.02
League Association of Risk Management LARM	872.08
Lincoln Winwater Works	5,706.60
McNally Law Office	450.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Mueller Co., LLC	1,880.52
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
Norris Public Power	2,114.90
Olsson	2,219.29
One Call Concepts, Inc	7.20
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Tennis Courts Unlimited, Inc.	5,320.00
Tredz Central	270.00
Voice News	173.36
White Electric Supply Company	259.40
Windstream	327.38
Total	41,419.18

Samantha Henderson took the oath of office. This fills the vacancy left by Eric Mercier. The term runs through December 2024.

It was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve Scott Pappenhagen’s request for Papa D’s to hold a beer garden during the Firth Fun Day festivities on the evening of June 24, 2023. The beer garden will remain open until the end of the fireworks show. It will be located on Nemaha Street and be fenced off as is in past years. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

Doug Nieveen was present and discussed the manhole cover in his driveway in the Village right-of-way. The cement around the manhole has settled and cracked causing the manhole cover to be higher than the driveway. Mr. Nieveen requested that the Village replace the concrete section around the manhole. This has been done once before. It was agreed to table the request until the next meeting so Village Maintenance could weigh in on the issue.

Nick McConnell was present and introduced himself as the new reporter for the Voice News.

Jill Hoefler gave a brief maintenance report in Dave Hansmeyer's absence.

- \* The wells are substantially complete. There is a final punch list to be completed which includes fencing around the east .
- \* Water meter replacements will begin this week.
- \* Street repairs need to be decided so Firth can get on the summer schedule

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to give a \$400 donation to Nebraska Rural Water for the services they have provided to the Firth water/sewer department over the last 2 years. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

Todd Carlson discussed the Welcome to Firth sign preliminary design. It was agreed to use the preliminary design to apply for several grants to help fund the cost of the sign.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Community Center parking lot. Recently there have been more semi's driving over and parking on the parking lot. Barriers were discussed. This will be discussed again at the June meeting.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Sam Henderson, to set the official 2023 Splash Pad hours of operations as follows:

Mondays: Closed for maintenance  
Tuesdays: 11:00am – 2:00pm  
Wednesdays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
Thursdays: 11:00am – 2:00pm  
Fridays: 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
Saturdays: 1:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sundays: 1:00pm – 6:00pm

The splash pad will be open from 1:00-6:00pm on the following holiday Mondays: Memorial Day, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Labor Day. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

At 8:26pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

At 8:35pm it was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, S. Henderson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

#### OPEN FORUM

It was agreed to move OPEN FORUM to the beginning of the meeting agenda starting with the June meeting.

It was agreed to get one or more bids to re-stripe the downtown parking spaces.

Meeting Adjourned. 8:53pm.

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Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk