

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

August 1, 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 **1st day of August 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 Craig Middle. Samantha Henderson 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 Craig Middle, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2023, regular meeting and the July 10, 2023 Budget Workshop special meeting. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the **July** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve 1st half of 2023 TIF payment to North Ridge Builders (Bond A - \$42,116.99, Bond B - \$4,2679.66). Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve presented bills to be paid – including Norris Public Power and Farmers Cooperative regular bills which come later in the month. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,112.41
Payroll Taxes	627.49
Simple IRA Employer Match	270.51
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Black Hills Energy	142.55
Blue Cross Blue Shield	494.45
Capital City Refuse	4,652.00
Dave Hobelman – water meter installations	210.00
Farmers’ Cooperative	408.65
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	239.63
Greg Edwards – Building plan review	40.00
John Jennings	120.00
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	1,242.74
Lovell Excavating LLC	3,250.00
McNally Law Office	1,583.97
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	142.00
Nebraska Rural Water Association	1,000.00
Norris Public Power	1,835.87
North Ridge Bond A	42,116.99
North Ridge Bond B	4,679.66
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Sam’s Club	45.26
Sargent Drilling	287,614.16
Voice News	76.54
Windstream	327.46
Total	361,036.78

OPEN FORUM

No public comment

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

* Water main break in front of post office has been fixed.

* Maintenance is monitoring the nitrate level at the ballfield well over the next few months.

* Discussion of possible future infrastructure needs.

Two representatives from MARS (Midwest Area Refuse Solutions) discussed the refuse services they provide to municipalities.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to raise the approved donation to Nebraska Rural Water Association from \$400 to \$1,000.00 because of the amount of work and equipment rental they have provided to Firth over the last 2.5 years. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to accept a \$580.00 bid from Husky Lawn Care for the striping of parking spaces and curbs downtown. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas, (J. Cooper, K. Beaty, C. Middle,) No Nays. Absent one. Todd Carlson abstained in the event there could be a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve Resolution #2023-08-1 to renew the Village membership in the Leagues of Risk Management (LARM) insurance pool for the 2023-2024 fiscal year beginning October 1. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve Resolution #2023-08-2 authorizing the Board Chair to sign the annual Department of Roads program compliance certification. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

A request was received that an individual be allowed to place a headstone in the cemetery. The Board agreed that a certified company should be used to place headstones in the cemetery.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to appoint Dave Hobelman as the Firth Cemetery Manager. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty, C. Middle) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about wages for Village employees for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting Adjourned.

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk