

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
December 6, 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 **6th day of December 2022** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the out-going Chairman (Dave Hobelman) at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Dave Hobelman, Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Eric Mercier, Craig Middle and Todd Carlson. 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 Jason Cooper, seconded by Kami Beaty, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 1, 2022, regular meeting were declared approved as presented.

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

It was moved by Kami Beaty, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve presented bills to be paid, (including the regular Norris Public Power that will come later in the month.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,544.91
Payroll Taxes	796.88
Simple IRA Employer Match	269.38
Black Hills Energy	100.79
Capital City Refuse	4,389.00
Cede & Co	23,013.25
Farmers' Cooperative	205.99
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	1,813.90
HBE Becker Meyer Love LLP	12,000.00
Lancaster Co Sheriff's Office	2,397.07
Lincoln Winwater Works	61,717.50
McNally Law Office	310.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Mueller Co., LLC	56.60
NDEE – Fiscal Services	3,656.70
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC	80.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	15.00
North Ridge Bond A	30,725.03
North Ridge Bond B	3,413.89
Norris Public Power	1,649.59
Olsson	15,164.14
One Call Concepts, Inc.	3.16
Prices Tree Farm	1,200.00
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Ramaker & Associates, Inc	300.00
Sam's Club	1,006.60
Voice News	282.36
Windstream	280.49
Employee Reimbursement	6.32
Total	174,602.99

The Board thanked Dave Hobelman for his 40.5 years of service as a Board Trustee. He was Board Chair for 28.5 of those years. It was stated that during Dave Hobelman's tenure there were 486 regular meetings and at least 120 special meetings. Dave Hobelman only missed a handful of meetings over his 40.5 years on the Village Board! The clerk presented Mr. Hobelman a plaque commemorating his years of service to the Village of Firth. Dave stated that he is confident in the current Board to lead the Village into the future.

The Lancaster County certified election results were noted. Todd Carlson was elected, and Craig Middle was re-elected to the Board. Craig and Todd both took the Oath of Office.

After some discussion Kami Beaty stated she was interested in serving as Board Chair. Eric Mercier nominated Kami Beaty to serve as Board Chair. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, No Nays. Kami Beaty abstained. Kami Beaty will serve as Board Chair for the 2023-2024 term.

After some discussion Todd Carlson said he was interested in serving as Board Vice Chair. Eric Mercier nominated Todd Carlson to serve as Board Vice Chair. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, no Nays. Todd Carlson abstained. Todd Carlson will serve as Board Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 term.

Rose Pinkman and Kyle Esken from HBE Accounting Firm gave the annual audit report. The Village financials were in good order. It was moved by Eric Mercier, seconded by Jason Cooper to accept the audit report as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

Walker Zulkoski from PMA Financial Network, LLC explained NPAIT's (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust) financial and investment services for public funds.

It was moved by Eric Mercier, seconded by Todd Carlson, to adopt resolution 2022-12-1 establishing an interlocal agreement with NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust.) This allows the Village of Firth to become a participant of the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Eric Mercier, to approve authorization for the Board Chair to sign the application to open a new account with NPAIT. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Eric Mercier, to authorize approval for Kami Beaty to have online viewing access to all Village accounts. Jason Cooper and Craig Middle also have this authorization. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The Board Chair read Resolution #2022-12-2 which establishes official appointments for 2023.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A VILLAGE CLERK, TREASURER, VILLAGE ATTORNEY, VILLAGE ACCOUNTANT, VILLAGE ENGINEER, VILLAGE STREET SUPERINTENDENT, VILLAGE DEPOSITORY, AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS for JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA:

- a. Jill Hoefler is appointed as the Village Clerk
- b. Mike Hoefler is appointed as the Village Treasurer
- c. McNally Law Firm is appointed as the Village Attorney
- d. HBE., LLP is appointed as the Village Accountant
- e. Olsson, Inc is appointed as the Village Engineer
- f. Justin Stark, Olsson, is appointed as the Village Street Superintendent
Class A Street Superintendent License Number S-1534
Engineering License Number E-13167
- g. Farmers & Merchants Bank, First State Bank Nebraska and NPAIT are appointed as the official depository institutions
- h. The Voice News is designated as the official publication.
- i. Posting locations for purposes of publication shall be the Firth Community Center, Firth Post Office, and Sadies/Papa D's

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF December 2022.

It was moved by Eric Mercier, seconded by Todd Carlson, to adopt Resolution 2022-12-2 establishing official appointments for 2023. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, no Nays. Motion carried.

The Board established Board Committee appointments for the 2022-2023 term as follows:

Water/Sewer: Jason Cooper, Todd Carlson

Streets/Dump: Jason Cooper, Todd Carlson

Parks: Eric Mercier, Craig Middle

Cemetery: Eric Mercier, Craig Middle

Personnel: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

- It was stated that the standard sized water meters for meter replacement project have been delivered. The 1" and larger water meters are backordered at this time. The goal is to replace all the standard size meters by the end of February. The Village will likely hire someone to help with installation. It will need to be clear to residents that the water meter should be freely accessible. If for some reason the meter is obstructed the resident will be required to hire a professional to install the meter and when complete the Village will inspect to make sure it is correct.
- The Village will need to establish a policy for the upcoming Federal Lead and Copper regulations that are coming.
- The lift station pumps will be pulled and serviced this month
- The Village needs to establish a policy requiring water/sewer customers to pay for street repairs when it is necessitated by a repair to the customers personal service line.

Dave Hansmeyer gave an update on the well project. It was agreed to contact the engineer to try and speed up the process. They are currently working on the well house roofs. Once the well houses are enclosed and can be heated work can be done on installing control systems, etc.

The Village Spring Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday May 6 was briefly discussed. Kami Beaty stated that she contacted Goodwill and has a list of what they will pick up from the clean up day.

Eric Mercier shared his research on a retractable pickleball net that could be used on the current basketball court in the main Village park. This would allow for a trial period, to see if a pickleball court would be utilized, before constructing a new one. Eric will research several other net options.

The Welcome to Firth sign was again briefly discussed. Todd Carlson will get some names of people/companies that do permanent signs.

OPEN FORUM

John Mardock, Firth liaison to Lancaster County Emergency Management, gave a report on the activations for the last quarter. The biggest activation was for the grass fires that burned near Firth in October. Thankfully the fires were put out without covering a larger area.

The Board discussed a recognition dinner for Dave Hobelman to be held sometime in January.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:13pm

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk