

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

May 7, 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 **7th day of May 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, Todd Carlson, Samantha Henderson and Craig Middle. 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 Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Smantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve presented bills to be paid, including the regular monthly Norris Public Power bill that will come after the meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the transfer of TIF funds in the amount of \$28,864.99 to the Bond A account, and \$3,207.22 to Bond B account. And approve the \$42.05 transfer from the FACET account to the General account (for Easter egg candy.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

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

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,893.62	
Payroll Taxes	693.00	
Simple IRA Employer Match	289.43	
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00	
Acorn Properties – utility deposit net refund	20.48	
Black Hills Energy	199.72	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09	
Capital City Refuse	4,437.00	
Dave Hobelman – cemetery expense	43.91	
Farmers’ Cooperative	289.02	
Firespring	100.00	
First National Bank	760.48	
Greg Edwards – building plan review	40.00	
John Jennings – building inspections	120.00	
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	2,320.82	
McNally Law Office	300.00	
Microsoft Office	8.70	
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	210.00	
NL Driveway Maintenance, LLC	13,991.25	
Norris Public Power	2,019.66	
Olsson	2,136.09	
One Call Concepts, Inc.	6.78	
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74	
Sam’s Club	169.33	
Small Engine Specialists, Inc	161.98	
Spartan Athletic Co.	2,319.95	
Voice News	266.35	
Windstream	393.55	
Total	42,405.95	

OPEN FORUM

John Mardock, Firth liaison with Lincoln/Lancaster County Emergency Management gave a quarterly report. The first quarter of the year was quiet. The last several weeks there has been a lot of weather related incidents, and a brownout electrical outage etc. John discussed being able to post on the Village of Firth Facebook page in crisis events.

A Village resident asked the Board about a letter he received from the Village in 2023 regarding an unlicensed vehicle on his property. He has taken care of the issue but asked if other residents with unlicensed vehicles had received the same letter. The board assured him that letters were sent to all Firth residents with unlicensed vehicle(s) and that the Village was working on next steps.

On Thursday May 2, 2024 four bids were opened for the May Street Improvement project (overlay of May Street from 2nd to 4th Streets and concrete paving of parking area on the east side of the park.) The bids came in at:

\$93,526.85

\$72,118.00

\$69,842.50

\$62,870.50

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to award the bid for the May Street Improvement project to Paver's for the amount of \$62,870.50. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The board discussed conceptual plans/cost estimate for a downtown sidewalk/decorative lighting project. The Board will continue to research different options for the project.

There was an update on the current Allen Street water main replacement plans. The plans will be sent to the State for review.

Todd Carlson gave an update on the Welcome to Firth sign. If the weather cooperates, construction will begin in 2 weeks. Dave Hansmeyer is moving dirt to the location to build up the sign. The sign will be on the north side of the intersection of Firth Road and Nemaha Street.

There was a discussion about switching the hosting of the Village website from Firespring to Municipal Impact. The cost savings with Municipal Impact would be approximately \$500/year. Municipal Impact is tailored to small municipalities. Craig Middle will check on how to keep the Nebraska.gov url. The issue will be placed on the June agenda.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve FACET as an organization under the Village for insurance purposes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the FACET listing of events for Firth Fun Day (6/29/24). Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Samatha Henderson, to approve Scott Papenhagen's request to have a beer garden in the street in front of Papa D's during Firth Fun Day on June 29, 2024. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Details of the upcoming May 11th Firth Clean-Up Day were discussed. It was agreed the Village will purchase lunch for any Norris FFA members who help during the morning.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to continue to subsidize the Capital City Refuse yard waste route so it can be an option for Firth residents for the 2024 season. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed that nuisance properties will be determined after the Firth Clean Up Day. Letters will be sent to all property owners with nuisance issues.

There was a discussion regarding cat trapping. The Village has not been a part of the trapping that has been happening in Firth.

There was a discussion about needed park improvements.

At 8:52pm it was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the potential purchase of property. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:54pm it was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Committee Reports were given.

The board discussed the need for written cemetery policy to include when and if the Village will pay for headstone maintenance.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources has scheduled a Flood Risk Review Meeting to include the ongoing update to the Firth floodplain boundaries. The meeting is scheduled for Friday May 17 at the Tecumseh Public Library Community Room. The Clerk is planning to attend and will report back to the board on the status of the review.

The Board agreed that the FACET group can use the community center for meetings if it is available. However FACET cannot keep a key indefinitely. A key can be picked up for meetings when needed. It can be left in the bill drop box when the meeting is over.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm.

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk