

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

April 2, 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 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 Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the March 5, 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.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the previous month. It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the **March** financial report 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 Samantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve presented bills to be paid, including the regular monthly Norris Public Power, Black Hills Energy, and Farmers Coop bills 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.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,969.66
Payroll Taxes	683.17
Simple IRA Employer Match	283.41
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Black Hills Energy	198.07
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09
Capital City Refuse	4,405.00
Farmers' Cooperative	73.25
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	200.00
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	3,405.70
Kristin Draper – Planning/Zoning Conference	389.54
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,206.32
McNally Law Office	150.00
Microsoft Office	8.70
Mueller Co., LLC	2,181.82
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	263.00
Norris Public Power	2,060.72
Olsson	5,028.35
One Call Concepts, Inc.	2.40
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Sam's Club	984.78
Windstream	394.31
FACET Expense	228.56
Total	33,431.59

A \$9,399.26 payment to PIP Signs (1/2 of the bid amount) for the Welcome to Firth sign was paid in March and approved with the April claims. The project bid amount was approved at the March meeting.

OPEN FORUM

There was no public comment.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

- \* The Pickleball net was delivered and will be assembled at the Pickleball Court this week.
- \* The Nitrate level in the Park Well has dropped several points.
- \* Street crack sealing will begin next week.

Chris and Dillan Durham were present to request a permit to sell fireworks out of their detached garage located at 8340 Firth Road between June 25 and July 4. It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the permit to sell fireworks. 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 Jason Cooper, to approve the Prange Acres Addition final administrative subdivision plat of land at 10001 Firth Road. 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 Todd Carlson, to accept the Better Backyards bid of \$1,025.00 for each mowing of the Nemaha ditch during the 2024 season. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the request from Scott Hartman, TK&H, to park trailers on a portion of Village property and pour a small cement pad as well as rock a small section. It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to deny the request. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed to install outside meter pits for the reconnections of service lines for the Allen Street water main replacement project. Village Maintenance will purchase and store the meter pits for the project.

The Board discussed the May Street resurfacing project (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The Board agreed to include cement paving of the rocked parking on the East side of the main park in the project.

Todd Carlson gave a brief update on the status of the Welcome to Firth sign to be constructed on the north side of Firth Road across from Nemaha Street. A meeting with the sign company representative will be scheduled for April 18 or 19.

It was agreed to send notice to properties that have been deemed to be nuisance properties in Firth. A reminder about the Firth Cleanup Day on May 11, 2024 will be included with the notice.

There was a discussion about various upgrades needed at the main park. Playground matting is high priority as well as various equipment replacement or additions.

The Board has a brief discussion regarding Firth floodplain issues. A representative from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources will come down to view several issues and advise on next steps moving forward.

At 8:16pm it was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential purchase of land. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson. S. Henderson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:20pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, 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.

It was agreed that a Wednesday evening would work the best for a Board training session with the Village Attorney. A training session will be scheduled in the next 4-6 weeks.

The May 11<sup>th</sup> Firth cleanup day was discussed. It was agreed to set a limit of 5 tires per household at no charge. Any tires over the limit of 5, will be charged \$5/tire.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting Adjourned 8:52pm.

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Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk