

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 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 **5th day of September 2023** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Budget Hearing at 6:50pm. The following members were present: Kami Beaty, Jason Cooper, Craig Middle, Todd Carlson, and Samantha Henderson. 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 Todd Carlson to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve an additional 1% in total 2023-2024 funds, subject to limitations. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

The treasurer read Resolution #2023-09-1 setting the final 2023-2024 property tax request at \$86,263.09 with a levy of 0.168155.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve resolution #2023-09-1 setting the 2023-2024 property tax request at \$86,263.09 with a levy of 0.168155. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

The treasurer read Ordinance #09-2023-1, to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as presented at the public budget hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2023-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE NAMED "THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL"; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. *The budget presented and set forth in the budget statement for 2023-2024 is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Firth.*

SECTION 2. *A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.*

SECTION 3. *This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.*

Passed and adopted this 5th day of September 2023

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It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to waive the customary three separate readings of Ordinance #09-2023-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance # 2023-09-1, adopting the 2023-2024 budget as presented in the public budget hearing. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

The 2023-2024 Firth budget is available for review at the Village Office.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve presented bills to be paid, (including the Norris Public Power Bill that comes later in the month.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	10,239.61
Payroll Taxes	717.08
Simple IRA Employer Match	291.91
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Better Backyards	975.00
Black Hills Energy	140.40
Blue Cross Blue Shield	519.09
Capital City Refuse	4,660.00
Farmers' Cooperative	719.48
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	443.67
Greg Edwards – Building plan review	40.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,240.38
League of NE Municipalities	1,820.00
Lovell Excavating LLC	800.00
McNally Law Office	360.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	489.00
Norris Public Power	1,834.76
Olsson	4,466.27
One Call Concepts, Inc.	13.90
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Rembolt Ludke LLP	12,614.31
Sargent Drilling	400.00
Windstream	209.31
Total	43,798.41

OPEN FORUM

John Jennings talked with the Board about the storm water drainage issues around the two houses he owns at 609 May and 610 Nemaha. The drainage issue has become much worse since the Living Life Church addition was built. There is more water coming faster due to the building, roof and parking area all causing the water to rush fast and more forcefully. The building addition parking area has decreased area for water to absorb or be held for slow release.

The Clerk gave the monthly maintenance report in Dave Hansmeyer's absence.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve Amendments to the Olsson work order to approve Street Superintendent services and General Engineering services for 2024. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson to allow NT Softball to rent the Firth ball fields as the home field for their league teams in 2024. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

Potential street projects to be added to the 1&6 Year Street Plan were discussed. The annual public hearing for the 2024 1&6 Year Street Plan will be held in conjunction with the October 3, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Nuisance properties and unlicensed and inoperable vehicles were discussed. It was agreed to contact the Village attorney for next steps.

The Chairwoman introduced Ordinance #09-2023-02 by title, setting employee wages for the 2022-2023 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. #09-2023-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SETTING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND CONTINUING TO AND THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. *That there be and hereby are established wages and salaries for the officials and employees of the Village for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, 7% raise, as follows:*

Maintenance Employee	\$ 69,550.00 per year
\$500/month stipend in lieu of health insurance	
\$50/month stipend for cell phone	
Treasurer	\$ 8,828.00 per year
Village Clerk	\$ 26.75 per hour
Monthly Stipend in lieu of health insurance (% of 40 hour work week x full-time stipend amount)	
\$50/month stipend for cell phone	
Summer Mowing Employee	\$ 17.00 per hour

SECTION 2. *That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.*

SECTION 3. *This ordinance shall go into force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.*

DATED this 5th day of September, 2023.

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It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to waive the customary three separate readings of Ordinance #2023-09-2. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt Ordinance #09-2023-2, setting employee wages for the 2023-2024 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:15pm it was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation regarding a floodplain violation. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

At 8:23pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas, (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, C. Middle, Todd Carlson, S. Henderson) no Nays. Motion carried.

John Mardock, Firth liaison for Lancaster County Emergency Management, was present to discuss activity in the previous quarter. All activations were due to severe weather.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41pm.

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk