

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

April 4, 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 **4th day of April 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, Craig Middle and Todd Carlson. There is one vacancy. 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 Jason Cooper, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023, regular meeting. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. One Vacancy. 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 **March** financial report as presented. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve presented bills to be paid, (including the regular Norris Public Power, and Farmer’s Coop bill that will come later in the month.) Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	9,587.41
Payroll Taxes	701.41
Simple IRA Employer Match	284.76
Black Hills Energy	176.28
Blue Cross Blue Shield	484.67
Capital City Refuse	4,389.00
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc	708.61
Farmers’ Cooperative	565.11
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	671.25
Gana Trucking & Excavating, Inc	862.71
Lincoln Winwater Works	4,441.34
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Midway Welding	1,137.00
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC	80.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	31.00
Norris Public Power	2,455.77
Olsson	10,858.05
One Call Concepts, Inc	8.38
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Rembolt Luedtke, LLP	14,503.55
Sam’s Club	29.16
Windstream	328.89
Employee Mileage Reimbursement	266.46
FACET expense	423.34
Total	53,198.59

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly maintenance report.

** There has been a grease and feather issue at the lift station. It may be helpful to send Firth residents information on the hazards of “flushable wipes”.

** Both new wells are online and working in the system. There are some additional items to be completed for the well project (including a new gas line to the east well and fencing at both well sites). Those should be completed in the near future. Dave Stated that he seeded at the ballpark well site.

** The new and repaired lift station pumps should be received in about 2 weeks. The new pump will be installed at the lift station. The repaired pump will be a backup pump.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve a no-cost change order for Sargent Well Drilling. The change-order changes the substantial completion date to March 29, 2023. The final completion date of April 1, 2023 remained the same. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

Better Backyards submitted a bid in the amount of \$13,000 for the cleanout of the Village brush dump. This includes hauling away the grass and leaf pile and as well as a fair amount of dirt. The board agreed to seek other bids before making a decision.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to close the Firth brush dump and have Capital City Refuse offer a yard waste pickup route to Firth residents for \$15/month from April - November. Other options are also available for one-time pickup or spring or fall options. The Village will pay the difference between actual number of customers and the 20 accounts needed for Capital City Refuse to offer the route, until there are 20 customers. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. One vacancy. Motion carried.

The Firth Clean-up day was discussed. It was agreed to have three 30-yard dumpsters delivered behind the community center at 7:00am on Saturday May 13. Board and Staff will monitor the site. The hours will be 7:30-11:30am. The cleanup day is for Firth residents only.

It was agreed to have a Welcome to Firth sign designed and then apply for grants to go toward the cost of the sign.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to rescind the motion from March 7 to purchase a Bison pickleball net system, because Bison does not sell a retractable net system. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to allow Dave Hansmeyer to create a movable pickleball net system for the court and to purchase two outdoor pickleball nets. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding Splash pad hours of operation for the 2023 summer season. The season will run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The Board will set official hours at the May 2 meeting.

Chairperson Kami Beaty presented the name of Samantha Henderson to fill the Board vacancy left when Eric Mercier resigned due to his move out of state. It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the appointment of Samantha Henderson to fill the Board vacancy. (The term runs through December 2024.) Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

At 8:44pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

At 8:59pm it was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, (C. Middle, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, K. Beaty,) no Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Meeting Adjourned. 9:00pm.

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk