

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

August 6, 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 **6th day of August 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, and Craig Middle. Samantha Henderson was absent. 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 Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote: 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the July 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes and the July 22, 2024 Annual Budget Workshop special meeting as presented. 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. 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 **July** financial report as presented. 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, 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: 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Payroll	10,289.69
Payroll Taxes	703.25
Simple IRA Employer Match	295.85
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Better Backyards	2,050.00
Black Hills Energy	150.93
Blue Cross Blue Shield	553.12
Farmers' Cooperative	548.16
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank	946.69
John Jennings – building inspections	40.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	2,438.33
League of Nebraska Municipalities	2,320.00
Microsoft Office	8.70
McNally Law Office	150.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	90.00
Norris Public Power	2,089.56
Olsson	703.90
One Call Concepts, Inc	9.94
Principal Financial Life Insurance Co	95.74
Sam's Club	55.89
Sargent Drilling	425.00
Voice News	324.96
Windstream	393.98
Total	25,383.69

OPEN FORUM

Dan Svatos had questions about parking on Everett Street and the recent partial closing of Everett Street. He also stated he had questions about the proposed adoption of updated international building codes. John Jennings made a statement regarding nuisance code updates. Both men were encouraged to call any Board member to discuss.

Dave Hansmeyer was not present. Chairwoman Beaty gave the monthly maintenance report. The lift station VFD was fixed. Because the issue was caught so quickly and could be fixed, it saved the Village up to \$30,000. The nitrate levels in the latest well test have increased a small amount. Water usage is up which is normal for this time of year. Issues with the SCADA communications system for the wells have been resolved.

It was agreed to table approval of bids for water tower exterior cleaning.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve Resolution #2024-08-1 authorizing the Board Chair to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve Resolution #2024-08-2 for renewal of League Association of Risk Management insurance coverage with a 3-year commitment to receive a 5% discount for a total premium amount of \$33,854 for the 2024-2025 year. 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the request from NT Softball to use the Firth ballfields for their teams for the 2025 softball season. 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve a lease agreement with Aging Partners of Lancaster County for the rental of the Firth Community Center each Monday from 9:00am-2:00pm (except holidays) from September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2026, for the amount of \$20/day. 4 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle.) No Nays. Absent one. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion about the potential downtown sidewalk and Firth Road sidewalk projects.

Todd Carlson stated that the Welcome to Firth sign should be constructed sometime in the next 2 weeks.

It was stated that due to his busy schedule, Jarred Meyer will not be able to help further with creating the amendments needed to adopt a newer version of the international building codes. International building code adoption will be placed on the September 3rd meeting agenda.

Committee Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Kamilla Beaty, Village Board Chair

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk