

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING**

October 1, 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 **1st day of October 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, Craig Middle 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.

It was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper to approve the agenda with flexible order. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Captain John Vik discussed how the contract agreement between Firth and the Sheriff's office works for contracted hours of patrol, and explained a report of calls in the Firth vicinity etc. Tthe call reports will be available online soon. Captain Vik stated that he is happy to attend meetings to give a report, monthly, quarterly or bi-annually – whichever the Board would prefer. The board stated there is some activity down by the ballfields after dark. Captain Vik encouraged the Board to call the 471-6000 non-emergency line or 911 when there is suspicious activity.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Sam Henderson to approve the September 3, 2024 annual Budget Hearing minutes, and the September 3, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The treasurer presented the September financial report. It was moved by Criag Middle, seconded by Todd Carlson, to approve the September financial report. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Claims were read. It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Sam Henderson, to approve current claims (including the regular monthly bills for Norris Public Power, Farmer's Cooperative, and One Call, that will be received after the meeting.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Current Month Claims

Salaries	10,242.94
Payroll Taxes	715.11
Simple IRA Employer Match	307.29
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Arbor-Tech Tree Service	120.00
Better Backyards	1,025.00
Black Hills Energy	146.25
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	553.12
Capital City Refuse	5,418.28
CAN Surety	100.00
Cummins Sales and Service	2,578.37
Farmers' Cooperative	458.18
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank of Omaha	786.46
Greg Edwards – plan review	40.00
HBE Becker, Meyer, Love, LLP	1,050.00
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	1,276.58
League Association of Risk Management	33,853.00
Maguire Iron, Inc.	6,300.00
McNally Law Office	435.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	802.00
Norris Public Power	1,914.00
Olsson	4,212.69
One Call Concepts, Inc.	2.78
Principal Life Insurance Company	134.36
Sam's Club	193.72
Summit Fire Protection	100.00
Voice News	240.67
Windstream	393.98
FACET reimbursement	262.82
Total	\$74,371.30

OPEN FORUM

John Mardock is the Firth liaison with Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management. Mr. Mardock stated that there have been 23 activations this year, which is a new record. The inclement weather season is winding down. He also gave two weather radios to the Village from the County. One will be placed at the Maintenance building and the other will stay at the community center.

Dan Svatos stated his thoughts regarding contracting out for certain jobs in the Village. He feels a 2nd maintenance person would be a better use of Village resources.

Jill Hoefler gave a shortend maintenance report for Dave Hansmeyer in his absence.

Shayne Huxoll from Olsson discussed the Village 1&6 Year Street Plan. The Board discussed what should be included in the plan for the upcoming year. The annual 1&6 Year Street Plan annual public hearing will be held during the regular November board meeting.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the Olsson Letter of Agreement amendment #1 which provides construction oversight for the Allen Street Water Main Replacement project. The amount of this agreement is \$16,600.00. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Two bids were presented for snow removal on the Main Park perimeter sidewalk. It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Sam Henderson to accept the bid from Better Backyards for \$175 per snow event, as needed. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Todd Carlson to move forward with plans and bid process for the downtown sidewalk project (west side of Nemaha between 3rd and 4th Streets and the north side of 3rd Street from Nemaha west to the alley.) This project will include an alternate bid for street lighting as well. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Sam Henderson to move forward with plans and bid specs for the Firth Road sidewalk project (north side of Firth Road between Russel Circle and May Street.) This project will include painting and signage for a crosswalk across Firth Road. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to add VSP vision care to the current employee benefits at a cost of \$8.51 per employee per month. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to move the November regular Board meeting to Thursday, November 7, 2024, due to the election on November 5, 2024. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Sub-committee reports were given.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Kami Beaty – Board Chairwoman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk