

**MINUTE RECORD
VILLAGE OF FIRTH
REGULAR MEETING
November 7, 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 **7th day of November 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 Todd Carlson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle to approve the October 1, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

The Chairwoman presented the September financial report in the treasurer’s absence. It was moved by Sam Henderson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve the October 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 Craig Middle, seconded by Jason Cooper, to approve current claims (including the regular monthly Norris Public Power bill, 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	10,481.56
Payroll Taxes	720.48
Simple IRA Employer Match	309.39
Health Ins and cell phone stipends	600.00
Better Backyards	1,025.00
Black Hills Energy	142.43
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	553.12
Capital City Refuse	4,677.75
Electric Pump	972.65
Farmers’ Cooperative	206.31
Firespring	100.00
First National Bank of Omaha	724.74
John R. Jennings	120.00
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office	1,296.05
McNally Law Office	435.00
Microsoft Office 365	8.70
Nebraska Code Consulting, LLC	120.00
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	31.00
Norris Public Power	1,841.92
Olsson	3,220.81
One Call Concepts, Inc.	7.20
Principal Life Insurance Company	168.40
Voice News	444.65
Windstream	394.56
FACET Expense	300.00
Total	\$28,901.72

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to approve the Olsson Work Agreement #10 for 2025 Consulting services. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Samantha Henderson, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve the Olsson Work Agreement #11 for 2025 Street Superintendent services. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for the presentation

of the Firth 2025 1&6 Year Street Plan and to hear public comments. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Jason Cooper explained the 2025 1&6 Year Street Plan.

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Samantha Henderson, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Craig Middle, to adopt the 2025 1&6 Year Street Plan as presented by Resolution #2024-11-1. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer gave the monthly Maintenance Report. Several things of note:

- Water usage is down.
- Lead line inventory is complete, and report filed with the State
- The 7th and Allen Street new watermain tie-in will change from the construction plans.
- Cell 1 of the lagoon system needs to have the sludge measured.
- Sewer Jetter is in the shop for repairs.

OPEN FORUM

Sarah Lefferdink asked a question on behalf of FACET. She asked if the Board would be open to FACET moving to its own 501C3. FACET is free to move to 501C3 status if they choose.

Dan Svatos asked if there was a street drain at the northwest corner of Abraham Street and Firth Road.

The Chairwoman read Ordinance #11-2024-1 by Title:

AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNING BODY CREATING FLOODWAY AND FLOOD FRIDNGE DISTRICTS DEFINING THE SAME AND SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS THEREOF.

This ordinance will update the current Firth Floodplain regulations to the most current FEMA ordinance format.

It was moved by Todd Carlson, seconded by Jason Cooper, to adopt Ordinance #11-2024-1 updating to the most current FEMA Floodplain ordinance format. (The ordinance has been reviewed by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and REMA.) Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

(Ordinance #11-2024-1 is available in pamphlet form from the Village Office.)

It was moved by Jason Cooper, seconded by Craig Middle, to approve Resolution #2024-11-2 authorizing the Board Chairperson to sign the Annual Year-End Certification of the Village Street Superintendent for 2024 – as required by the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (K. Beaty, J. Cooper, T. Carlson, C. Middle, S. Henderson.) No Nays. Motion carried.

It was agreed to ask the engineer to clarify if there would be any drainage issues created from a potential sidewalk on the north side of Firth Road and how large of a flume would need to be added at the culvert.

It was agreed to ask Olsson to begin the bidding process for the downtown sidewalk project with a base bid of the sidewalk with curb and gutter and conduit for lighting. And 2 alternate bids:

- Retaining walls and ramps for businesses
- Light poles

A letter was read from Rob Mierau withdrawing his proposal to draft Village documents needed to adopt more current international building codes. He left open the option to revisit the proposal at a later time.

A dangerous structure in town was briefly discussed.

Board sub-committee reports were given.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Kami Beaty – Board Chairwoman

Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk