

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA  
MONDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00p.m. at the Fairmont Village Hall, 635 6th Ave., Fairmont NE. Notice of the meeting was given in advance according to proper notification by posting of meeting notice at Heartland Bank-Fairmont Branch, U.S. Post Office and Fairmont Village Hall. Chairman Rod Ehmen called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Rod Ehmen, Matt Hafer, Victoria Verhage, Bill Schropfer and Stuart Bridges. Visitors to the meeting were: Cortni Jo Sabin, Mike Scheil, Sheila Lauby, Jeff Neiman, Tyler Salmon and Shandra Reinsch. Chairman Ehmen noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the bulletin board in the council meeting room for public inspection and review. Hafer moved and Verhage seconded to approve the minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular Meeting and March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for March 2025 was placed on file.

**Fire Department**

Jeff Neiman was present to discuss the Rural Fire Department's purchase of the building in the 400 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He explained how the department has outgrown their current facility. Equipment has increased in size and there is no space left. The estimated total cost for the final project is around \$800,000-\$850,000. This includes the purchase price for the property, modifications and another building that has been ordered to add 50 feet to the south. The storage units on the property will be used to store various items. The projected timeline of possession falls between the end of May to August.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise Night**

Cortni Jo Sabin expressed interest in organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise Night. After some deliberation, the suggestion was made to coordinate with the Community Club to be included on the calendar of events during the Old Setts celebration.

**Pool Opening & Consider applicants for Lifeguards/Concession Stand Attendants**

The projected opening date for the swimming pool this season is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sheila asked about hosting water aerobics with one lifeguard and one manager working during the time. Pool hours will be every day from 1:00pm-7:00pm. Sheila also applied for a grant to assist in covering the cost of various items needed. A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to hire the individuals who applied for the lifeguard position. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The position for a concession stand attendant was not filled and it was determined only lifeguard certified individuals will be employed at the pool. A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer for the Village to pay for one lifeguard suit per employee, lifeguards will be paid for working time before and after season opening, but the Village will not cover the cost for the lifeguard certification fee nor the time to complete the certification. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. May 18<sup>th</sup> is when the guards will be getting their CPR certification. Lifeguard and assistant manager wages will be set at the May meeting.

**Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon**

A few nuisance properties were mentioned. Tyler indicated the Village attorney is drafting a letter to send to the owner of a nuisance property on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Classes for building inspector certification are being worked on. A couple of vacant property ordinances were reviewed.

**Building repair**

The stucco over the bricks on the north side of the Village office is crumbling. A conversation took place about repairs and landscaping.

**Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil**

Dialog ensued about electrical issues caused by the snowstorm. Schmader Electric is looking at used sirens to replace the siren at the school. The maintenance crew will be fertilizing the parks this year. Two non-operating streetlights were mentioned.

## **Road/Street Equipment**

A discussion took place over the equipment the Village uses and needs to maintain streets, move snow and keep the tree dump in order. The tractor the Village was testing out needs to have some things fixed. The motor grader and John Deere tractor were mentioned along with the usefulness of a mini-pay loader.

## **Consider applicants for a Part-time Maintenance position**

After some consideration and review of the applications for the part-time maintenance position, it was decided Trustee Bridges and Trustee Hafer would set up an interview time to meet with the top three candidates.

## **Sales Tax**

Deadline dates for implementing sales tax were assessed. A town hall meeting date will be discussed at the May meeting.

## **Resolution 2025-01 Fee Schedule**

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve Resolution 2025-01 Fee Schedule. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays Motion passed.

## **Fillmore County Development Corporation Annual Membership**

A review and discussion of the benefits of an FCDC (Fillmore County Development Corp.) membership took place.

## **Claims**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to approve claims as they were presented. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

## **Correspondence**

The annual report to be provided to taxing entities on the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) properties in Fairmont was examined. Along with communication from the Fairmont Community Club.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim**

A review took place of an example of an inclement weather policy for employees. Dialog ensued with various ways to handle snow days. An update received from the Fillmore County Emergency Manager was shared regarding radio communication for mutual aid with first responders across the county. Special event insurance coverage for the Community Club events was mentioned. The Village will be covering the cost of snow cones to the students on the last day of school for their time and effort for community cleanup.

## **Payment Arrangement(s)**

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to approve Payment Arrangement #418 & #419. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to adjourn the meeting at 9:41pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,  
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,  
CLERK/TREASURER

## **Claims**

34 Electric, LLC	Re	128.77
Aflac	Ins	1,683.00

Amazon	Su	515.14
Ameritas	RE	2,648.08
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Fee	225.00
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	276.29
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Eq	400.80
Birds & Blooms	Su	10.00
Black Hills Energy	Ut	1,242.91
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	10,236.77
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	412.50
CJ Repair	Re	825.62
Dan Slocum	Ex	1,350.00
Eakes Office Supplies	Su	301.05
Eakes Office Supplies	Su	326.98
EMC Insurance	Ins	1,267.00
EMC Insurance-Fire Dept.	Ins	7,776.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	525.55
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	204.74
First Concord Benefits	Be	524.34
First Concord Benefits	Be	36.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,062.91
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	855.87
First National Bank of Omaha	Ex	993.91
First National Bank of Omaha	Fu	108.40
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	1,159.34
Geneva Parts City	Re	55.99
Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc.	Re	76.90
Heartland Bank	Loan	16,395.48
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	12,655.00
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Lincoln Winwater Works	Su	131.88
Madison National Life	Ins	38.34
Mid-American Research Chemical	Su	388.50
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	Su	26.55
Municipal Supply, Inc.	Su	4,208.73
Nebraska Public Power Dist.	Ut	21,149.65
Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab	Ex	15.00
Neonlink	Ex	90.60
NMC Exchange, LLC	Ma	132.78
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	35.53
Paycom	Fees	486.82
Payroll		18,008.15
Payroll Taxes		5,869.44
Perennial Public Power	Ut	12.03
Perennial Public Power	Ut	2,051.99
Post Office	Su	201.00
Quest Diagnostics	Fee	150.00
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	114.52
Sheila Lauby	Fee	40.00
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,576.48
State of Nebraska	Ut	212.69
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	546.24
Vericheck	Fee	75.60
Vestis	Su	161.20

Viaero Wireless	Ut	324.99
Village	Ut	3,580.20
Windstream	Ut	354.87
Windstream	Ut	488.90
Windstream	Ut	171.12
Windstream	Ut	95.28

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