

**SPECIAL MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2025**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 7:00p.m. at the Fairmont American Legion Post #21, 525 F Street, 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. The purpose of the special meeting was to hold a Town Hall for a Sales Tax Proposal of 1 ½% prior to a Special Election. 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. There were numerous visitors attending the meeting including Village Attorney, Charley Campbell. Chairman Ehmen noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room for public inspection and review.

Sales Tax Proposal Discussion

Dialog began over the sales tax proposal. One question asked was what will be taxed and some items mentioned are on-line (Amazon) sales, vehicle purchases, utilities along with items from businesses within the city limits. Based upon the State of Nebraska's collections for Fairmont at a 1 ½% tax rate, Fairmont may collect around \$60,000 in annual revenue as an additional revenue stream. The sales tax collections would be deposited in the General Fund. City sales tax rates for other towns in Fillmore County were also shared. There will be an upcoming Special election with mail-in ballots in the November/December timeframe.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Monday, September 8th, 2025, at 7:00pm in the Fairmont Village Hall.

ROD EHMEN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER