

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, February 10<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. Vice Chairman Matt Hafer called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Matt Hafer, Victoria Verhage, Bill Schropfer and Stuart Bridges. Absent: Rod Ehmen. Visitors to the meeting were: Tyler Keenan, Mike Scheil, Shandra Reinsch and Dave Seggerman. Vice Chairman Hafer 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. Bridges moved and Schropfer seconded to approve the minutes from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting. Voting: ayes-Bridges, Schropfer, Verhage and Hafer; nays-none; absent-Ehmen. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for January 2025 was placed on file.

**Fillmore County Development Corp. Update**

The FCDC Annual Banquet will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Fillmore County Ag Hall. Tickets are \$20.00. RSVP by February 13<sup>th</sup>. Happy hour begins at 6:00p.m. At 6:30p.m. there will be guest speaker, Maggie Malone-Hardin. The meal will be served at 7:15p.m.

**Pay Application #4 Hackel Construction**

Tyler Keenan, JEO Consulting Group, was present to share an update on the water treatment plant. The project is moving quicker than anticipated with substantial completion in December 2025. He gave a brief overview of the project and a history of our funding options. A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Bridges to approve pay application #4 to Hackel Construction in the amount of \$257,628.79. Roll call vote—ayes: Verhage, Bridges, Schropfer and Hafer; nays: none; absent: Ehman. Motion passed.

**Audit**

There were no questions or comments.

**Advertisement for 2025 Swimming Pool Season Employees**

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Verhage to approve advertising for the 2025 Swimming Pool Season employees. Positions to be filled include pool manager, assistant managers, lifeguards and concession stand attendants. Roll call vote—ayes: Schropfer, Verhage, Bridges and Hafer; nays-none; absent-Ehmen. Motion passed.

**Sales Tax**

There was a discussion regarding a local option sales tax at 1 ½%.

**Drug Policy**

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Bridges to eliminate the random drug testing policy and return to the original pre-employment drug testing. Roll call vote—ayes: Schropfer, Bridges, Verhage, Hafer; nays: none; absent: Ehmen. Motion passed.

**Claims**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to pay claims as they were presented. Roll call vote: ayes-Verhage, Schropfer, Bridges and Hafer; nays-none; absent-Ehmen. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to review.

**Old Business**

There was a discussion about the quote from Glenwood regarding fiber installation. Two letters were mailed by certified mail to owners of properties the Village currently mows in the spring and summer months informing them they will be charged for the services if it has to continue. Mowing fees will be established at the March meeting. Another discussion

occurred regarding a house ready to be torn down and the estimate received is \$6,500. Village attorney, Charley Campbell, is willing to assist in updating our employee handbook.

### **Library Report-Stephanie Chambers**

There was no library report.

### **Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon**

Marshal Salmon stated he is continuing his on-line courses for property inspector certification. He will be reaching out to the property owner of an abandoned house to see what their timeline is with the property.

### **Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil**

Utility Superintendent Scheil shared his monthly report and stated he has been replacing some water meters. An estimate was received from Taylor Lawn Service for various fertilizing plan options for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Park. One or two more quotes will be considered before a decision is made. Dialog on snow removal and equipment to complete the task occurred.

### **Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch**

Senior Center Director Reinsch indicated the Valentine's Day fundraiser has been going very well. There are a few last-minute items to purchase for your special someone before Friday. Purchasing an AED was mentioned for \$1,800-\$2,500. There are funds in the donation account to cover this expense. The Senior Center will be looking to fill the part-time cook position. Kathy Ekeler will still volunteer from time to time and Linda Korbelik has agreed to volunteer some. At the monthly managers' meeting, Brenda Motis shared the significant increase in meals served from 2023 to 2024 by the Fairmont Senior Center. A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Bridges to advertise to fill the part-time cook position at the Senior Center. Roll call vote-ayes: Schropfer, Bridges, Verhage and Hafer; nays: none; absent: Ehmen. Motion passed.

### **Fairmont Housing Authority Board Appointment**

At 8:27pm, a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues at the Fairmont Housing Authority facility. Roll call vote-ayes: Verhage, Schropfer, Bridges and Hafer; nays: none; absent: Ehmen. Motion passed. At 8:52pm, a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to exit executive session. Roll call vote-ayes: Verhage, Schropfer, Bridges and Hafer; nays-none; absent-Ehmen. Motion passed. No action was taken.

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

The Village has a Pool CD which matures on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The board agreed to have the CD interest compound and renewed as a 7-month term CD. A one-hour training course for SRF (State Revolving Fund) is offered by Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE). The board of trustees is interested in participating in the training course. The clerk will reach out to NDEE to get this scheduled.

### **Payment Arrangement(s)**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to approve payment arrangements #415 and #416. Roll call vote - ayes: Verhage, Schropfer, Bridges and Hafer; nays: none; absent: Ehmen. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:59pm, a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Bridges to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote – ayes: Verhage, Bridges, Schropfer and Hafer; nays: none; absent: Ehmen. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00pm.

MATT HAFER,  
VICE CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,  
CLERK/TREASURER

**Claims**

3E Electrical, Engineering & Equip.	Re	1,575.16
Aging Partners	Fee	675.00
Amazon	Su	673.22
Ameritas	RE	2,706.37
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	181.93
Black Hills	Ut	2,046.56
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	10,236.77
3OK Financial	Bond	500.00
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	1,578.35
Computer Innovations	Eq	3,136.00
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	61.91
Erdkamp Motors	Ma	413.18
Farmers Coop	Fu	207.01
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	60.94
Fillmore County Hospital	Fee	70.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	36.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	524.34
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,643.34
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	318.77
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	78.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	129.98
Friesen Auto	Ma	151.76
Hackel Construction	CI	257,628.79
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
HEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	12,777.50
John Deere Financial	Re	46.66
Karen Margheim	Mi	11.20
Kassidy Jelinek	Ex	68.80
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Madison National Life	Ins	38.34
MARC	Su	818.00
Medical Enterprises	Ex	70.00
Municipal Supply, Inc.	Su	224.16
Nationwide	Ins	454.00
Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab	Ex	34.00
Nebraska Public Power Dist.	Ut	27,866.03
NeonLink	Ex	94.20
One Call Concepts	Ex	22.96
Paycom	Fees	1,031.54
Payroll		19,506.85
Payroll Taxes		6,424.85
Perennial Public Power Dist.	Ut	2,051.99
Post Office	Su	201.00
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	56.00
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,653.90
State of Nebraska	Ut	212.69
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	76.78
USDA	Loan	7,974.00
Vericheck	Fee	53.65
Vesits (Aramark)	Su	201.50
Viaero	Ut	303.05
Village	Ut	4,043.90
Village	Ex	129.98

Visa	Su	129.98
What's Happening	Ex	500.00
Windstream	Ut	336.87
Windstream	Ut	103.89
Windstream	Ut	492.09
Windstream	Ut	165.79
Windstream	Ut	95.28