

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, June 9th, 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. The board members present upon roll call were: Rod Ehmen, Matt Hafer, Victoria Verhage, Bill Schropfer and Stuart Bridges. Visitors to the meeting were: Ryan Ruhl, Austin Jarosz, Kathy Burbach, Shandra Reinsch, Tyler Salmon and Mike Scheil. 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. Verhage moved and Hafer seconded to approve the minutes from May 12th, 2025, Regular Meeting and June 2nd, 2025, Special Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for May 2025 was placed on file.

Water Treatment Plant Update

The Sales and Customer Relations representative with Hackel Construction, Ryan Ruhl, stated the alley behind the treatment plant is open and they will keep it graded and rocked. The filters are in. We will be closer to the plant being substantially completed closer to the end of the month. He shared a 5x7 promotional card sharing ways they partner, areas of service, core values, items they build, other capabilities, benefits for working with their company and contact information for their leadership office. He specifically mentioned they build pools. One benefit of working with their company is they are still available for follow-up services for two years after a project is completed.

Drainage Concerns

Kathy Burbach explained some of the drainage issues at the Legion Hall. Gutters will go up on the east side and the installers will work the gutters so they drain to the north and under the sidewalk. She asked if the Village would be willing to cover the cost of the drain and work done around the sidewalk. Also, mentioned were drainage concerns on the north side of the tracks by the water tower. The ditch north of the train depot is full of weeds and stops the water from properly flowing. Dialog ensued on the issues.

Property updates on "E" Street

Austin asked about removing an electrical pole that ties into the service for the State of Nebraska Department of Roads' electrical poles. A discussion began over electrical modifications on their property and zoning issues. There was an mishap with their sprinkler at Mobile Tech and a great amount of water was used. Austin asked if they could get a discount on the utility bill. The request was denied.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Mike shared the pool is up and going. The mosquito sprayer will be calibrated tomorrow and then they will start spraying. Don Marget accepted the part-time maintenance position and started working today. Painting stripes on 6th Avenue will begin soon. Adding gravel to some streets was mentioned. A suggestion was made to do some dirt work and build up some of the roads before adding gravel. Gravel is currently on standby. Dialog began over the issue with woodchucks causing some problems in town.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

Shandra asked if the board would consider creating a full-time cook position for the Senior Center. She went on to explain some of the problems that are faced with a part-time position. Throughout 2024, meals served totaled 2,648. Individuals from other towns drive to the center for lunch. During the months of September, October and November there is a significant increase in meals served due to the harvest season. An invitation to receive meals has been extended to Seniors in the Grafton community. Various income sources were reviewed. A list of current Senior Center Advisory Committee members was presented to the Board of Trustees. According to the Aging Services Bylaws, the Board of Trustees approves of individuals who serve on the Aging Services Board/Advisory Committee. A silent vote was taken for the Board of Trustees' approval. By majority vote, the individuals were all approved.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Various nuisance properties have been mowed. A camper in the 800 block of 6th Avenue will be towed by Hintz Towing at no charge. There have been lots of dog calls. It was suggested to visit with the Village attorney about the rodent issue and what can be done.

Sales Tax

A postcard with information about a 1 1/2 % sales tax proposal will be mailed. A town hall meeting regarding the proposed sales tax will be scheduled at a later date.

Annual Nebraska Rural Water Association Membership

After reviewing the benefits of NRWA membership, a motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to pay annual membership dues to Nebraska Rural Water Association in the amount of \$250.00. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Pay Application #7-Hackel Construction-\$201,803.75

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to approve Pay Application #7 to Hackel Construction in the amount of \$201,803.75. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Claims

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve claims as they were presented excluding the claim to William Schropfer. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to approve the claim to William Schropfer. Roll call vote: ayes-Verhage, Hafer, Bridges and Ehmen; nays-none; abstain-Schropfer. Motion passed.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

None

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

Annual backflow testing has been completed by Ken Ekler with a successful outcome at all locations. The clerk plans to attend the League of Nebraska's Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference in Lincoln to meet continuing education requirements. A discussion over FEMA grants and Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy security grant succeeded.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Verhage to approve Payment Arrangements #421, #422, & #423. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Verhage to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, July 14th, 2025, at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

2-EEE the Clown

3E Electrical Engineering & Equip.

Aflac

Amazon

Ex	80.00
Re	1,656.36
Ins	749.34
Su	197.66

Ameritas	Be	2,280.87
Aqua Chem, Inc.	Ma	202.05
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	263.79
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Su	25.00
Black Hills Energy	Ut	597.52
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	8,618.93
3OK Financial	Bond	49,505.00
3OK Financial	Bond	103,326.25
3OK Financial	Bond	4,830.00
3OK Financial	Fee	600.00
Burton Enterprises	Ex	2,045.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	389.20
CPI	TIF	134,145.18
Cummins Sales & Service	Ma	1,549.22
Dept. of Treasury	Fee	20.82
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	50.96
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	56.99
Farmers Coop	Fu	272.00
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	146.43
Fillmore County Dev. Corp.	Dues	899.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	75.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	524.34
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,034.01
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	652.79
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	1,775.78
First National Bank of Omaha	Fu	128.65
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	515.51
Geneva Building Supply	Su	22.99
Geneva Tire & Auto Inc.	Ma	129.00
Hackel Construction	CI	201,803.75
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
IEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	7,101.25
Ill's Sweet Shop	Ex	374.00
John Deere Financial	Ma	237.22
Karen Margheim	Mi	11.20
Kelly Nun	Su	63.95
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Pu	135.00
Lincoln Winwater Works	Su	572.13
Madison National Life	Ins	25.56
Maguire Iron, Inc.	Ma	1,500.00
MARC	Su	288.00
NE Department of Envir. & Energy	Loans	15,106.36
NE Department of Envir. & Energy	Loans	8,768.34
NE Public Power District	Ut	20,867.67
NE Rural Water Association	Dues	250.00
NE Public Health Envir. Lab	Ex	15.00
Neonlink	Ex	91.00
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	15.97
Paycom	Fees	629.18
Payroll		18,004.65
Payroll Taxes		6,013.19
Perennial Public Power	Ut	2,051.99
Perennial Public Power	Ut	24.06

Petty Cash	Ex	100.00
Pitney Bowes	Fee	254.55
Post Office	Su	402.00
Sargent Drilling	Re	1,208.42
Schmader Electric	Re	2,501.50
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	60.90
State of Nebraska	Tax	1,958.66
State of Nebraska	Ut	425.38
Talley Ho Vending	Su	112.20
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	83.45
Vericheck	Fee	43.20
Vestis	Su	161.20
Viaero	Ut	324.99
Village	Ut	2,847.27
Voss Plumbing, Inc.	Re	1,265.00
Weaver Repair, Inc.	Ma	24.13
William Schropfer	TIF	2,021.50
Windstream	Ut	354.94
Windstream	Ut	504.81
Windstream	Ut	171.22
Windstream	Ut	95.34