

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, April 8th, 2024 at 7:02p.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 Don Moses called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Don Moses, Rod Ehmen, Victoria Verhage, Matt Hafer and Jack Slocum (arrived at 8:21pm). Visitors to the meeting were: Shaundee Graham, Kyle Svec, Mike Scheil, Tyler Salmon, Tricia Galusha-Chapman, Peter York, Wanda Marget, Tami Scheil, Todd Rath, Bill Schropfer, Amanda Schropfer, Georgia Schropfer, Stephanie Chambers, Cortni Jo Sabin and Shandra Reinsch. Chairman Moses 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 Ehmen seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11th, 2024 Regular Meeting and March 27th, 2024 Special Meeting. Voting: ayes-Verhage, Ehmen, Hafer and Moses; nays-none; absent-Slocum. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for March 2024 was placed on file.

Zoning Report-Board of Adjustments Meeting

At 7:04pm, a motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Verhage to recess the regular Board of Trustees meeting and open the Board of Adjustments Meeting. Roll call vote: ayes-Hafer, Verhage, Ehmen and Moses; nays-none; absent-Slocum. Motion passed.

Zoning Administrator Shaundee Graham presented the American Freedom Defenders Memorial Application for Zoning Compliance. On the application it shows the desire to build a 7-foot wood fence from the sidewalk to the alley, but within the permitted area. The present zoning regulations have a height limit of 6 feet. A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Verhage to approve the application for the height limit increase. Roll call vote: ayes-Hafer, Verhage, Ehmen and Moses; nays-none; absent: Slocum. Motion passed.

At 7:06pm, a motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Ehmen to close the Board of Adjustments meeting, end the recess and resume the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Roll call vote: ayes-Hafer, Ehmen, Verhage and Moses, nays-none; absent-Slocum. Motion passed.

Zoning Regulation

Peter York was present to discuss splitting his lots at the D Street and 9th Street intersection. For the lots to be split and meet the minimal lot-size requirement, the lots would need to be re-zoned. If the area was zoned C-2, then the minimum lot size requirement would be dropped to 7,200 sq. ft. There was a discussion by the board members who approved of the area to be rezoned. No formal action was taken at this time.

Village appearance/property concerns

Dialog was started regarding a property of concern in the 800 block of 6th Ave. Snow removal for the Fairmont Community Church was discussed, no decision was made, and the plan is to talk about this again closer to snow removal season. Kyle Svec detailed the strong nuisance abatement procedure being followed in Geneva.

Road Maintenance

A conversation ensued regarding road maintenance on the east side of town.

5th Annual Cruise Night

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to approve the formation of the 5th Annual Cruise Night on August 3rd, 2024. Roll call vote: ayes-Verhage, Ehmen, Hafer; nays-Moses; absent-Slocum. Motion passed.

Fairview Manor Electrical Updates/Vehicle purchase

Tami shared a cost estimate for electrical gear replacement at the nursing home. The quote from 34 Electric, LLC was for \$22,450. Department of Health and Human Services is offering has awarded Fairview Manor a vehicle mini grant in the amount of \$25,000. There is a plan to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet Equinox around

\$33,625. A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Ehmen to approve the electrical upgrade expense in the amount of \$22,450 and the purchase of a new vehicle for around \$33,625. Roll call vote: ayes-Hafer, Ehmen, Verhage, Moses; nays-none; absent-Slocum. Motion passed.

Library Funds

As the library has formed a foundation and started cashing in Certificates of Deposits (CD's), it has been discovered information needs to be obtained about the source of the CD's to determine whether they can be moved to the foundation. A spreadsheet was provided.

Review Applications for Lifeguard Positions & Consider wages for 2024 Pool Season Employees

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Hafer to give Pool Manager, Wanda Moses, a \$.50/hour wage increase. Roll call vote: ayes-Ehmen, Hafer and Verhage; nays-none; abstain-Moses; absent-Slocum. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to give Assistant Pool Managers, Dave Seggerman, Kelly Nun and Lux Neiman a \$.50/hour wage increase. Roll call vote: ayes-Verhage, Ehmen, Hafer and Moses; nays-none; absent-Slocum. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Moses to give \$1.00/hour wage increase to other lifeguards and pool staff. Roll call vote: ayes-Ehmen, Moses, Hafer and Verhage; nays-none; absent-Slocum. Motion passed.

Village Board Trustee Slocum arrived at 8:21pm.

Claims

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to approve claims as presented. Roll call vote: ayes-Verhage, Hafer, Ehmen, Slocum and Moses; nays-none. Motion passed.

Correspondence

A letter from JEO Consulting Group was discussed regarding the warranty expiration for the School/Casey's paving project. Also included in the correspondence was a membership letter from Fillmore County Development Corp.

Old Business

None

Library Report-Stephanie Chambers

Glenwood Fiber is featuring various libraries through Facebook posts called, "I love Public Libraries." Every Monday over the next few weeks Glenwood will be highlighting the libraries that they service with high-speed Fiber Broadband. Fairmont Library is one which will be featured. There was also a good turnout for Wanda's Retirement Open House.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Various nuisance properties, vehicles and a building inspector were discussed. Items pertaining to a nuisance property case which had been set for trial and the outcome was reviewed.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Gravel for the streets will be ordered. The shingles on the roof for the pool park wellhouse are going bad, so Mike has checked in on getting tin to replace them. On April 10th, Mike and Troy will be attending a class in Norfolk.

Ageing Services-Shandra Reinsch

Individuals with the Senior Center will be going with a group from Fairview Manor to the horse races. On April 17th, Shandra and Kathy will be attending a training course.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

The annual ARPA reporting has been completed. A reminder there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 7:00pm for the Water Treatment Plant Project.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion made by Slocum, seconded by Ehmen to approve Payment Arrangements #394 & #395. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

At 9:00pm a motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Verhage, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Aflac	Ins	841.50
Aging Partners	Fee	675.00
Amazon	Su	501.87
Ameritas	Re	1,841.55
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Fee	336.00
Aramark	Ma	160.27
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	181.93
Black Hills	Ut	1,293.93
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	9,435.25
Burton Enterprises	Ma	100.00
Carquest	Su	21.28
Cash-Wa Distributing	Ma	754.45
CJ's Repair	Ma	15.00
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	118.14
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Fee	256.64
EMC Insurance	Ins	7,296.00
Exeter Lumber Company	Su	27.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	814.32
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	440.13
Fillmore County Development Corp.	Fee	3,000.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	2,545.14
First Concord Benefits	Be	36.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	442.44
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,002.41
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	560.49
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	84.62
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	52.61
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	439.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	87.35
Geneice Smith	Misc	10.00
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	CI	4,750.00
Kathy Ekeler	Ex	20.00
Kopchos	Ma	33.00
Lincoln Winwater Works	Su	485.20
Madison National Life	Ins	38.34
Mellissa Housh	Ex	62.54
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	Ma	26.55

Mike Scheil	Fu	140.70
Mobile Tech, Inc.	Ma	13,196.38
Modern Marketing	Su	367.90
NE Public Power Dist.	Ut	21,932.35
NE Department of Envir. Quality	Fee	150.00
Nebraska Piano Tuning	Ex	160.00
NE Public Health Envir. Lab	Ma	15.00
NeonLink	Ex	86.60
NMC Exchange, LLC	Su	344.26
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	13.14
Paycom	Fee	504.47
Payroll		19,926.51
Payroll Taxes		6,207.30
Petty Cash	Misc	100.00
Pitney Bowes	Fee	175.98
Post Office	Su	201.00
Presto-X	Ma	100.00
Shandra Reinsch	Fu	58.29
Shelly Wicks	Misc	87.03
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,011.83
Stephanie Chambers	Fu	117.24
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	485.06
The Nebraska Signal	Dues	36.00
Troy Sonnenfeld	Fu	241.20
Vericheck	Ex	33.40
Village	Ut	3,054.42
Village	Su	87.35
Windstream	Ut	336.12
Windstream	Ut	104.09
Windstream	Ut	510.16
Windstream	Ut	165.52
Windstream	Ut	94.94
York News Times	Pu	135.00

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