

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

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14th, 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, Bill Schropfer, Stuart Bridges and one vacant position. Visitors to the meeting were: Matt Slocum, Don Moses, Wanda Marget, Stephanie Chambers, Tyler Salmon, Georgia Schropfer, and Rhonda Veleba. 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 Schropfer seconded to approve the minutes from September 8th, 2025, Regular Meeting. Voting: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for September 2025 was placed on file.

Middle School Building

A discussion began regarding possible future uses for the middle school building and what other towns have done in this situation. One suggestion made was to open the conversation with a couple of school board members on future plans for the building.

Library Report-Stephanie Chambers/Library Foundation

A motion was made by Bridges, seconded by Schropfer to approve the transfer of \$57,000 from the library savings account (previously donated funds from Dr. Ashby & Mc Namara) to the Fairmont Community Foundation which is the newly created foundation for the Fairmont Public Library. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Mike submitted his report prior to the meeting for board review. A price check was completed for 30 new signposts-\$3,366.95, 30 signs-\$1,302.95 and electrical supplies to have on hand and cover one block of area is \$13,000. A question was brought up about trimming trees in alleys. One suggestion made was the possibility of contracting with one garbage company for all residents to increase control of the condition of alleys. Some residents are still piling tree limbs next to the edge of their property. The clerk will post notices stating tree branches will no longer be collected and moved by Village personnel.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Letters were mailed to property owners regarding fees for mowing. The question was brought up about unlicensed vehicles. Dialog ensued over property cleanup.

Board Member Vacancy

This will be tabled until the November meeting.

Resolution 2025-08 First Concord Group

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Bridges to approve Resolution 2025-08 First Concord Group's Benefit Plan Document and Summary Plan Description. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Insurance Claim-August Storm

An overview was given of the expenses incurred and what EMC Insurance paid for damages. The deductible for each location is \$10,000 and the only facility to incur damages above the \$10,000 deductible was the swimming pool building. The deductible for the electric distribution system is \$100,000 and the expenses incurred were less than the deductible amount. The Village will receive \$12,397.84 for tree loss and property damages for all locations. The fence damaged at the Veteran's Memorial Park was discussed and the clerk will submit pictures of the damage to our property adjuster. A reimbursement check to the Veteran's Memorial will be included in the November claims.

Vacation Policy

The current vacation policy in our employee handbook and procedures for other towns was reviewed. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Claims

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to pay claims as they were presented except for claim #15437. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. A motion was made by Bridges, seconded by Hafer to approve the claim for William Schropfer. Roll call vote: ayes-Bridges, Hafer, Ehmen; nays-none; abstain-Schropfer. Motion passed.

Correspondence

The senior center report was reviewed.

Old Business

An updated copy of the One- & Six- Year Plan was shared with an update made to paving in front of the new fire barn added to the One-Year Plan.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

There was a brief conversation over picnic tables.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve payment arrangements #428 & #429. Roll call vote- 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th, 2025, at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Aflac	Ins	749.34
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Amazon	Su	247.78
Ameritas	Re	1,651.62
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Fees	1,659.90
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	270.81
Black Hills Energy	Ut	722.36
Black Hills Energy	Ut	644.30
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	6,889.03
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	498.90
CJ's Repair	Ex	31.56
CPI	TIF	110,284.37
Dummins Sales & Service	Ma	455.68
Dawson Electric	Re	1,042.98
Daylight Donuts	Su	13.41
Deluxe	Su	433.97
Dollar General	Su	19.03
Dakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	337.01
Fairmont Library	Ex	20,450.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	1,841.61
Farmers Coop	Fu	97.27
FES (Filament Essential Services)	Ex	2,600.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	524.34
First Concord Benefits	Be	850.00

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First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,344.59
First National Bank of Omaha	Fu	700.43
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	60.53
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	277.99
First National Bank of Omaha	Fu	2.91
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	17.89
Fyr-Tek	Eq	1,149.28
GBE (Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA, PC)	Ex	4,750.00
Guardian Insurance	Ins	40.80
Harre Seed, Inc.	Su	9,910.82
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
JLG	Su	1,984.52
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Library Savings Transfer	Ex	57,000.00
Madison National Life	Ins	26.46
Mogul's Transmission, Inc.	Ex	345.00
Municipal Supply, Inc.	Eq	1,503.04
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Fee	25.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Ut	31,082.09
Nebraska Municipal Clerk's Assoc.	Fee	50.00
NeonLink	Ex	93.80
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Re	124.99
NMC Exchange, LLC	Re	10,065.84
No Blue Rescue, LLC	Ex	450.00
North Printing & Office Supply	Pu	165.00
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	7.38
Overdrive	Su	500.00
Paycom	Fees	695.42
Payroll		21,975.78
Payroll Taxes		8,592.14
Perennial Public Power	Ut	12.03
Perennial Public Power	Ut	2,042.57
Pitney Bowes	Su	254.55
Platte Valley Comm of Hastings	Eq	1,512.50
Post Office	Su	201.00
Robinson Tree Service	Ma	10,100.00
Scott &/or Regina Allen	Ex	69.12
Shandra Reinsch	Fu	64.68
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,229.92
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	56.76
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	60.00
Vericheck	Fee	49.35
Vericheck	Fee	43.75
Vestis	Ma	596.56
Viaero	Ut	649.01
Village	Ut	3,559.47
Village	Ex	17.89
Val-Mart	Su	23.91
Villiam Schropfer	TIF	1,657.91
Vindstream	Ut	354.79
Vindstream	Ut	508.32
Vindstream	Ut	170.99
Vindstream	Ut	95.23

Publication Codes Be: Benefits; Eq: Equipment; Ex: Expense; Fee: Fee; Fu: Fuel; Ma: Maintenance; Mi: Mileage; Misc: Miscellaneous; Pu: Publications; Re: Repairs; Sa: Salaries; Se: Service; Su: Supplies; Ut: Utilities; CI: Capital Improvement; TIF: Tax Increment Financing, RE: Retirement; Ins: Insurance, Tax: Taxes

**RESOLUTION 2025-08
FIRST CONCORD GROUP**

The undersigned authorized representative of **Village of Fairmont** (the Employer) hereby certifies that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the governing body of the Employer on October 14th, 2025, and that such resolutions have not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof:

RESOLVED, that the form of amended and restated Welfare Benefit Plan, effective November 01, 2025, presented to this meeting (and a copy of which is attached hereto) is hereby approved and adopted, and that the proper agents of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of said Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Administrator shall be instructed to take such actions that the Administrator deems necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures for the provision of benefits under the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the proper agents of the Employer shall act as soon as possible to notify the employees of the Employer of the adoption of the Plan and to deliver to each employee a copy of the Summary Plan Description of the Plan, which Summary Plan Description is attached hereto and is hereby approved.

The undersigned further certifies that attached hereto as Exhibits, are true copies of Village of Fairmont's Benefit Plan Document and Summary Plan Description approved and adopted at this meeting.

Company: Village of Fairmont

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Karen Margheim
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Village Clerk/Treas.
10-15-25