

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, MAY 13TH, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 7:01p.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. Visitors to the meeting were: Eric Johnson, Steve Parr, Tyler Keenan, Mike Scheil, Stephanie Chambers, Tyler Salmon, 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. Ehmen moved and Hafer seconded to approve the minutes of the April 8th, 2024 Regular Meeting and May 1st, 2024 Special Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for April 2024 was placed on file.

Fillmore County Development Corp. Update

Eric Johnson gave an update on FCDC program. Membership continues to increase over the past few years. There has been a total of 32 county applications for the housing grant program.

Water treatment plant bid award

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to issue a notice of award for the water treatment plant project to Hackel Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$2,672,173.25. Roll call vote-5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. Even though the bid was a little over the estimate the Village will still qualify for a 75% grant towards the total cost of the project. The Village will be responsible for the \$668,043.31 remaining balance after the grant.

One- & Six-Year Road Plan

Steve Parr was present to discuss the One- & Six-Year Road Plan. The Road Plan gets reviewed annually in order for the Village to receive highway allocation funds monthly. There are currently two projects being looked at for the one-year plan. They are on E and F Streets starting from 6th Ave. and ending at 9th Ave. This will include either asphalt milling and patchwork for an approximate cost of \$240,000. Paving this area was also discussed with an exact estimate not known at this time. There are eight various projects listed on the 6-Year Road Plan.

Lot Split Application

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Slocum to approve the lot split application for lots in the 800 block of 8th Ave. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Health Insurance Renewal

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Verhage to approve the health insurance renewal plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska available to full-time employees. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Water Rate Study

After reviewing our current water rates and upcoming expenses and current income, it was decided to have a water rate study completed. In order for the Water Fund to sustain itself, there will need to be an increase in water rates. A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to increase the base rate by \$11.50 and usage \$.11/100 gallons used in a 2-step process with new rates going into effect in October 2024 for the first half of the increase and October 2025 for the second half of the increase. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

PFAS Testing and Agreement

After some discussion, it was decided the Village would not complete the reimbursement agreement for PFA's Testing.

Claims

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Slocum to approve claims as they were presented to the board. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

None

Library Report-Stephanie Chambers

After the last hard rain, it was discovered the roof at the library leaks. Ziemba Roofing has been contacted to look at the issue and give an estimate of repairs. Stephanie has completed her 6-month probation period successfully and is eligible for a wage increase. A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Verhage to approve a \$.50/hour wage increase. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0-nays. Motion passed.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

Shandra announced the steam table has arrived. The Senior Center will have a cream can dinner fundraiser during Old Setts.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Mike shared the pool projects being completed before the swim season. The updates on the water tower by Verizon have been completed. There was a discussion on installing a weed sprayer on the side-by-side. More gravel will be ordered for the streets.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

A nuisance property discussion ensued followed by dialog regarding unlicensed vehicles.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

The clerk shared a couple of upcoming meeting dates and the Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference held in Lincoln on June 12th-June 14th. A packet of information was received regarding the TextMyGov communication program. There is an expense to use this program but isn't justifiable at this point.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Hafer to approve payment arrangement #396. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Aflac	Ins	841.50
AKRS Equipment	Su	102.42
Ameritas	RE	2,797.32
Aqua Chem, Inc.	Su	2,627.10
B & J Automotive, LLC	Ma	174.69
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	161.93
Black Hills Energy	Ut	1,004.62
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	9,435.25
Boy Scout Troop #175	Misc	100.00
Burton Enterprises	Ma	100.0
Carquest	Ma	16.02
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	811.90

Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	215.83
Fairmont Community Club	Misc	100.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	853.92
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	146.49
Fillmore Rock & Gravel	Su	558.49
First Concord Benefits	Be	36.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	442.44
First Concord Benefits	Be	323.64
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	2,171.87
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	528.41
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	136.84
First National Bank-Omaha	Ex	41.08
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	602.57
Geneva Building & Supply	Su	82.00
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
Kathy Ekeler	Su	13.14
Kopchos	Ma	33.00
Madison National Life	Ins	38.34
Mid-American Research Chem.	Su	1,744.75
Midwest Laboratories, Inc.	Ma	86.50
Midwest Radar & Equipment	Ma	41.00
NE Public Power District	Ut	19,149.37
NE Public Health Envir. Lab	Ma	329.00
NeonLink	Ex	85.00
Nick's Farm Store Co.	Ma	91.25
NMC Exchange, LLC	Ma	344.26
One Call Concepts	Ex	11.92
Paycom	Fee	764.12
Payroll		29,936.11
Payroll Taxes	Tax	9,390.15
Perennial Public Power	Ut	2,146.19
Post Office	Su	201.00
Presto-X	Ma	422.00
Rapid Fire Protection, Inc.	Ma	275.00
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	39.40
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,192.74
T & T Repair, LLC	Ma	177.54
Taylor Lawn Sprinklers, LLC	Ma	1,136.00
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	71.79
Vericheck	Fee	34.45
Vestis	Su	120.90
Viaero	Ut	731.79
Village	Ut	3,199.71
Windstream	Ut	335.73
Windstream	Ut	104.13
Windstream	Ut	490.80
Windstream	Ut	164.89
Boy Scout #175	Misc	25.00
Wanda Marget	Mi	10.72
Stephanie Chambers	Mi	20.77
Taste of Home	Su	10.00
Handyman	Su	10.00
State of Nebraska	Ut	241.25
Penworthy	Su	159.30
Absolute Science	Ex	425.00

Amazon	Su	477.29
Windstream	Ut	94.94

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