

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, May 12th, 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. Board members present upon roll call were: Rod Ehmen, Matt Hafer, Victoria Verhage, Bill Schropfer and Stuart Bridges. Visitors to the meeting were: Eric Johnson, Carsten Mlady, Mike Scheil, Tyler Salmon, Tricia Galusha-Chapman, Shandra Reinsch and Sheila Lauby. 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 April 14th, 2025 Regular Meeting, April 28th & May 5th, 2025 Special Meetings. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for April 2025 was placed on file.

Nebraska Public Power District

Carsten Mlady shared a report with updates for Nebraska Public Power District (the Village of Fairmont's wholesale energy supplier) and stated Nebraska is a fully public power state. Key points were Nebraska's Energy Infrastructure consistently rank among the Nation's Best. It has been rated #1 for Grid Reliability, #5 with electricity price and #11 in Renewable Energy Usage. He then shared numbers specifically for NPPD. Also mentioned was the increase in demand. Contracts will be renewed earlier to help stabilize the increase in cost for the expansion and to minimize an increase in rates.

Fillmore County Development Corp.

Eric Johnson explained some changes being made within the focus of FCDC indicating the aspiration to streamline concerns to Fillmore County. One of these changes involves monthly updates or concerns from each municipality. Currently, there is a desire for Round Two of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Housing Rehab Program. Another change will be the method on voting for FCDC board members. The Odegeo Leadership Class is currently underway for 2025.

Nuisance Properties

A discussion began over a nuisance property in the 800 block of 6th Ave. Various points of ordinance violations were mentioned. The owner will be contacted regarding the violations. Other properties were pointed out. Letters will be sent to property owners violating the Ordinance with vegetation height over 8".

Set Pool Wages & Pool Season Items

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to set pool wages as follows: Assistant Managers' wages will be increased by \$.25/hour, first-year guards will be \$13.50/hour, 2nd season guards will be \$13.75/hour, 3rd season guards will \$14.00/hour, and 5th season guards will \$14.25/hour. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Problems with the lift station have been figured out. The backup generator is not working. The water tower has been drained, cleaned and will be refilled. There will be another water test sent in tomorrow. Flushing the lines in August was mentioned. Setting electrical poles and steps to get a new siren set was talked about. Sinks have been installed in the pool house. Lines will be painted on the streets soon. Flags will be put up for Memorial Day.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

A change was made to the Aging Services Bylaws Section #2: Meetings. "Regular meetings: The board shall hold regular meetings in a public building the same week as the monthly Fairmont Village Meeting." has been changed to "Regular meetings: The Board shall hold regular meetings in a public building the second Monday of every month at 5:00pm." A motion was made Hafer, seconded by Bridges to approve this modification to the Aging Services Bylaws. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Marshal Salmon shared the Sheriff's Department will have a license plate reader installed at the Village Shop to help locate stolen vehicles. The speed monitor board was mentioned.

Full-time Maintenance Position

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to approve Cody Edwards being moved to the full-time maintenance position. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The other applicants for the part-time maintenance position will be contacted.

Change Order #1 for an increase of \$4,520.00 & Pay Application #6-Hackel Construction-\$875,530.43

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to approve Change Order #1 for an increase of \$4,520.00 and Pay Application #6 to Hackel Construction in the amount of \$875,530.43. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Sales Tax

Dialog occurred for the desire to impose a City Sales Tax. Information was shared on LB840 outlining the allowable uses for sales tax. The clerk will put together an informational mailing to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Public Hearing & Resolution 2025-02-Discontinuing the CDBG Housing Revolving Loan Fund

At 9:12pm, the Chairman opened the public hearing to allow for time for comments. At 9:14pm, the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve Resolution 2025-02 Discontinuing the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Housing Revolving Loan Fund and transfer the remaining \$3.00 balance in the CDBG Checking Account to the General Checking Account. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Proposal for Village Hall Building Repairs

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Bridges to approve the proposal from Cavapa Construction for building repairs to fix the crumbling plaster and bricks on the north wall and install Smart Siding for \$2,900. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Claims

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

Over 70% of the Cross Connection Surveys sent out have been returned. Potential SRF (State Revolving Fund) Training dates were shared. The clerk will arrange a training session date with Derrick Luebke. Annual employee reviews will be scheduled towards the end of June. It was mentioned in the last half of July we will hold a budget workshop.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to approve Payment Arrangement #420. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to adjourn the meeting at 9:33pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMAN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

34 Electric, LLC	Re	170.00
AFLAC	Ins	841.50
AKRS Equipment	Re	162.36
Amazon	Su	565.76
Ameritas	Be	4,220.76
Aqua Chem, Inc.	Su	1,767.45
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	255.89
Black Hills Energy	Ut	864.08
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	10,236.77
Boy Scout Troop #175	Misc	100.00
Boy Scout Troop #175	Misc	25.00
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	416.20
CJ Repair	Ma	158.02
CSLP	Su	62.35
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	293.99
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	323.98
Erdkamp Motors	Re	992.21
Farmers Coop	Fu	130.00
Farmers Coop-Fire	Fu	147.15
First Concord Benefits	Be	786.51
First Concord Benefits	Be	30.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,803.78
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	391.34
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	707.50
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	1,241.38
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	62.35
Geneva Parts City	Ma	682.88
Hackel Construction	CI	875,530.43
Hawkins Water Treatment	Su	1,126.80
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
HEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	6,586.25
HP Cooke, Co.	Su	87.95
Kelly Nun	Ex	40.00
Kids Reference	Su	159.68
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Madison National Life	Ins	38.34
Municipal Supply, Inc.	Su	873.88
Nebraska Public Power District	Ut	18,552.04
Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab	Ex	531.00
Nebraska State Patrol	Su	66.50
Neon Link	Ex	87.00
NMC Exchange, LLC	Su	1,881.10
Paycom	Fee	778.60
Payroll		29,108.39
Payroll Taxes		9,682.74
Perennial Public Power	Ut	24.06
Perennial Public Power	Ut	790.98
Petty Cash	Ex	50.00

Post Office	Su	201.00
Presto-X	Ma	90.88
Rapid Fire Protection	Ma	305.00
Schmader Electric	Re	12,652.00
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	63.84
State of Nebraska	Tax	1,980.30
State of Nebraska	Ut	425.38
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	195.89
Vericheck	Fee	43.80
Vestis	Su	296.33
Viaero	Ut	324.99
Village of Fairmont	Ut	2,898.00
Village of Fairmont	Su	62.35
Windstream	Ut	354.94
Windstream	Ut	503.66
Windstream	Ut	171.22
Windstream	Ut	95.34