

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, December 9th, 2024 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 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: Stuart Bridges, William Schropfer, Georgia Schropfer, Ron Schropfer, Mike Scheil, Stephanie Chambers 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 Hafer seconded to approve the minutes from the November 12th, 2024 Regular Meeting Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for November 2024 was placed on file.

Old Business

None

At 7:02pm, Chairman Moses announced there would be a brief recess.

At 7:05pm, newly elected Board Members William Schropfer and Stuart Bridges read the Oath of Office. Roll call-Ehmen, Verhage, Hafer, Schropfer and Bridges. Absent-None.

Reorganization of the Village Board of Trustees

Verhage moved, seconded by Bridges to approve the nomination of Ehmen for Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: ayes-Verhage, Bridges, Hafer and Schropfer. Abstain-Ehmen. Absent-None. Motion passed.

Verhage moved, seconded by Bridges to approve the nomination of Hafer for Vice Chairman. Roll call vote: ayes-Verhage, Bridges, Schropfer and Ehmen. Abstain-Hafer. Absent-None. Motion passed.

Chairman Ehmen made the following appointments within the board:

Police-Trustee Verhage

Maintenance Department-Streets, Alleys & Signs-Trustees Hafer and Bridges

Village Hall and Utilities (electric, water & sewer)-Chairman Ehmen

Parks-Trustee Schropfer

Board of Health-Rescue Captain Anna Yates, Marshal Salmon and Chairman Ehmen

Chairman Ehmen nominated the following appointive employees for the Village:

Village Attorney-Charles Campbell, York, NE

Village Engineers-JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Wahoo, NE

Village Street Engineer-Steven A. Parr from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Wahoo, NE

Utility Superintendent-Mike Scheil

Clerk/Treasurer-Karen Margheim

Village Marshal-Tyler Salmon

Verhage moved, seconded by Schropfer to accept and approve Chairman Ehmen's appointments. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

2025 Village Engineer Appointment-JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Village Engineer for 2025. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

2025 Village Street Superintendent Appointment-Steven A. Parr, JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Verhage to appoint Steven A. Parr with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Street Superintendent for 2025. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Electric Rate Study Agreement

After some discussion regarding the increase in cost of power purchased and the cost of an electric rate study (from two separate companies), it was decided to wait until the cost of the study can be included in the next fiscal year budget.

Pay Application #3-Hackel Construction-\$136,665.92

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Bridges to approve the 3rd Pay Application to Hackel Construction in the amount of \$136,665.92. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Claims

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

Correspondence

Three separate items were included in correspondence for review. The first included a letter from NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust) of Nebraska regarding the option for investment of funds. The second item was a letter from NMPP Energy giving official notice of modification and termination of the agreement for EDS (Electric Distribution Services). NMPP Energy will still be available for services when needed, but will save the Village \$2,000/year by not continuing the agreement. The third and final letter was from EMC Insurance regarding changes in coverage due to a roof that is more than 15 years old.

Library Report-Stephanie Chambers

Stephanie will be completing the annual survey due for the library. In March, Fairmont will be hosting the area-wide monthly meeting for the local libraries.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

There was no report given.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Mike shared his monthly report with the board members prior to the start of the meeting. A load of aluminum and copper was sold to Fehlhafer's Inc. in Utica for just under \$3,000.00. There was a discussion on purchasing a snowblower for the skid steer and installing a snow fence north of A Street.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

The monthly foot clinic has seen a growth in the number of participants. Shandra discussed her plans to increase the awareness of services and food provided by the Senior Center with the use of various advertising options. A couple of organizations also made donations to the Senior Center this past month.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

There was no report given.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to approve Payment Arrangement #413. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

At 8:12pm, a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, January 13th, 2025 at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Ace Agri Supply	Su	37.30
Aflac	Ins	841.50
Amazon	Su	435.87
Ameritas	Re	2,606.12
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	261.88
Biblionix	Su	1,430.00
Black Hills Energy	Ut	769.53
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	10,236.77
BOK Financial	Bond	14,505.00
BOK Financial	Bond	3,326.25
BOK Financial	Bond	95,122.50
BOK Financial	Fees	600.00
Burton Enterprises	Ma	100.00
Carquest	Su	297.56
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	714.10
Diode Technologies	Ma	319.00
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	58.64
Farmers Coop	Fu	217.96
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	55.19
Fillmore Central School Dist. #25	Fee	10.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	524.34
First Concord Benefits	Be	307.72
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,912.90
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	577.40
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	85.37
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	121.14
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	158.25
Hackel Construction	CI	136,665.92
Hawkins Water Treatment	Su	775.10
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
Jeff Ross	Ex	64.69
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	6,216.25
Kopchos	Fee	33.00
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc.	Re	259.36
Madison National Life	Ins	38.34
Mid-American Research Chemical	Su	4,081.50
NE Public Power District	Ut	20,425.67
NE Department of Envir. Quality	Loan	7,969.17
NE Department of Envir. Quality	Loan	15,134.36
NE Public Health Envir. Lab	Fee	15.00
NeonLink	Fee	90.20
NMC Exchange, LLC	Su	136.55
One Call Concepts. Inc.	Ex	20.26
Overland Sand & Gravel	Su	913.14
Paycom	Fees	496.41
Payroll		19,788.88
Payroll Taxes		6,137.20
Perennial Public Power	Ut	24.06

Petty Cash	Ex	100.00
Pitney Bowes	Ex	254.55
Post Office	Su	201.00
Shandra Reinsch	Fu	39.13
State of Nebraska	Tax	1,955.70
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	62.59
UES	CI	1,682.45
Vericheck	Fee	40.95
Vestis (Aramark)	Su	161.20
Viaero	Ut	353.84
Village	Ut	2,916.20
Village	Ex	158.25
Visa	Su	158.25
Windstream	Ut	337.03
Windstream	Ut	103.58
Windstream	Ut	486.12
Windstream	Ut	165.91
Windstream	Ut	95.37

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