

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
FAIRMONT NEBRASKA

JUNE 13, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Fairmont Village Board of Trustees was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.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. Chairperson Gene R. Fischer called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treas. Linda Carroll recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: William W. Pfenning, Jack D. Slocum, James D. Tol, Donald A. Moses and Chairperson Fischer. Visitors to the meeting were: Barb Smith, Ted & Marvie Rabenberg, Bob & Charlotte Hester, Sandy McCoy, Bill Schropfer, Amanda Haumont, Butch Long, Lynn West, Brent Ciecior, and Steve McLeish. Chairperson Fischer noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the council table and in the council meeting room for public inspection and review. Slocum moved and Pfenning seconded to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 and June 8, 2016 board meetings. Voting aye: Slocum, Pfenning, Tol, Moses and Fischer. Motion carried. March 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report was placed on file.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bob Hester expressed the following concerns with the board: 1) Board members don't have pride in community; 2) Old gazebo drug into town, old boat, old pick up a property owner brought into town; 3) Area around school with old cars; 4) Trash in community; 5) Clean up streets and clean up the town. Board members replied that the village board has been working on property clean up.

SEALED BIDS

Chairperson Fischer opened two sealed bids which were received for the 1976 Schuster 16' bed 3 axles gooseneck trailer. Bids received were: Mike Kahler Jr. \$500; Chris Grant \$1,250. Slocum moved and Pfenning seconded to accept a bid from Chris Grant in the amount of \$1,250 for the 1976 Schuster 16' bed 3 axles gooseneck trailer. Voting aye: Slocum, Pfenning, Tol, Moses and Fischer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Fischer opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. to receive comments for considering levying special assessments on the lots and parcels of land abutting Street Improvement Districts Nos. 2014-1, 2014-3, 2014-4 and 2014-5 of the Village of Fairmont, Nebraska. Public comments received regarding dirt and concrete left from original project; maintain the cleaning of streets; 458 5th Ave curb broke from snow removal and has not been replaced; Bond Counsel suggested interest rate for assessments are set between 4.00% - 4.50%. Chairperson Fischer closed public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2016-04 RESOLUTION SETTING LEVY

Slocum moved and Tol seconded to pass and adopt RESOLUTION #2016-04 authorizing setting and levying special assessments on the lots and parcels of land abutting on or adjacent to the streets, avenues and alleys within said Street Improvement Districts Nos. 2014-1, 2014-3, 2014-

4 and 2014-5 of the Village of Fairmont, Nebraska and set interest rate a 4%. Voting aye: Slocum, Tol, Moses and Fischer. Voting no: Pfenning. Motion carried.

KEVIN KRUSE, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

F ST FROM 1ST TO 3RD AVE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT

Kevin reported he had visited with Village Attorney Charles Campbell and the project could either be put out for formal bids or Kevin could contact area contractors to submit a bid for the project. Moses moved and Tol seconded to authorize Kevin Kruse, JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to contact Van Kirk to bid F St. from 1st to 3rd Ave Storm water Improvement. Voting aye: Moses, Tol, Slocum and Fischer. Voting no: Pfenning. Motion carried.

11TH AVE FROM A ST. TO H ST. DRAINAGE EVALUATION

Kevin reviewed the following with the board, Bill Schropfer and Amanda Haumont : 1) Drainage areas by LiDar Elevation map and existing conditions map; 2) Options – a) Grading a new roadside ditch along 11th Street from railroad tracks to 12th Ave, then south on 12th Ave to drainage swale—water would flow either on railroad or private ground; b) Grading of ditch along railroad from 11th & G St. South; c) Grading of a new ditch along G St. in platted ROW to 14th Street. General consensus of the board was not to take action on this drainage evaluation as each alternative creates issues in other areas and the cost of any alternatives would be cost prohibited.

FAIRMONT AGING SERVICE

Karen Chapman, representing Fairmont Aging Service board reviewed the following with the board: 1) Information regarding increase in attendance and activities at the Senior Center from January - April 2015 and January - April 2016; 2) Letter of support from Caitlin Moore, Community Health Educator for Public Health Solutions; 3) Reviewed employees evaluations and stated the Senior Center employees are doing an excellent job; 4) The Aging Service Board would like to request that Connie Jo Felton have her weekly hours increased from 37 hours to 40 hours per week and receive a \$2.00 per hour wage increase. Pfenning moved and Tol seconded to increase the Aging Service Coordinator position to 40 hours per week effective immediately. Voting aye: Pfenning, Tol, Slocum, Moses and Fischer. Motion carried. No action was taken on the wage request as the wage request will be considered when the board reviews wages and benefits for the 2016-2017 budget year.

HAZARD MITIGATION RESOLUTION

A resolution was reviewed for approval of the Hazard Mitigation Report. The Resolution will be acted upon at the July meeting as the board had not received the report prior to the meeting for review.

FAIRMONT LIBRARY BOARD

Georgia Schropfer and Connie Jo Felton, representing the Fairmont Library Board, reviewed the following with the board: 1) Wanda Marget's, Evaluation as Library Director; 2) New programs being offered at the Library; 3) Success of summer reading program; 4) Wanda's continued work on upgrading the village's web page; 4) Library Director Wanda Marget also requested her library assistant be considered for a wage increase. No action was taken on the wage request as

the wage request will be considered when the board reviews wages and benefits for the 2016-2017 budget year.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN POSITION

Pfenning moved and Tol seconded to hire Dan Slocum for the maintenance technician position and to set the wage at \$16.00 per hr. with a \$.50/hr. increase for DHHS licensing for Grade 4 Water Operator; \$.50/hr. increase for NDEQ licensing for Lagoon Wastewater Operator and \$.50/hr. increase upon satisfactory completion of the six (6) month probationary period. Voting aye: Pfenning, Tol, Moses and Fischer. Abstain: Slocum. Motion carried.

JEFF GRAHAM,

Jeff Graham visited with the board regarding the security light at the pool and requested if another light could be used. Utility Sup. Long stated they had adjusted the lights at the pool. Trustee Moses addressed Jeff regarding the language used at the pool when he visited with the pool staff and that the cameras are for security at the pool and playground equipment . Jeff stated he had apologized for the language.

CHAIRPERSON FISCHER

Casey's Convenience

Casey's Convenience Store has requested the use of the village's lift station and lagoon to dispose of the contents of the Fairmont store's septic system . Casey's will provide lab analysis of their septic system contents. Ut. Sup. Butch Long will visit with Nebr. Dept. of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) once he receives lab analysis of the contents and get NDEQ opinion if Casey's could use the village's lift station and lagoon for disposal of the septic system contents.

Splash Pads

Discussion :1)Interest in splash pad;2) Rough estimated cost is \$75,000; 3)A good water filtering system is needed since the water is hard—particles will plug lines; 4) Perhaps a project that community volunteers could donate labor and equipment to reduce the cost.

Painting of swim pool restrooms

Discussion on the paint which has been left on the sinks in the pool bathhouses. New toilet lids will be purchased and an attempt will be made to remove paint from sinks.

Ban burning garbage in fire pits

Village board discussed banning burning of any items other than non-treated wood in fire pits. Village Attorney Campbell will be contacted to draft an Ordinance for the July meeting.

Purchase of real estate

A letter from Village Attorney Campbell was reviewed which outlined the procedures if the village board was interested in purchasing real estate at an auction.

CLAIMS

(Claims Abbreviations: Eq, Equipment; Ex, Expense; Ma, Maintenance; Mi, Mileage; Misc, Miscellaneous; Re, Repairs; Sa, Salaries; Se,Service; Su, Supplies; Ut, Utilities; CI, Capital

Improvement; Tif, Tax Increment Financing)Moses moved and Fischer seconded to pay the following claims: Gen. Fund– ACCO-Su.\$1,549.66; ADAMS BANK & TRUST-TIF \$428,330.90; AGING PARTNERS-Se.\$575; AFLAC-Sa. \$463.46;AMERITAS-Sa.\$1,807.18; ASSURITY-Sa.\$28.42;BALL INS.-Ex. \$1,399; BLACK HILLS ENERGY-Ut.\$415.23; BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD-Sa.\$9,266.68;BURTON ENT.-Ut. \$1,322; CASEY’S GENERAL STORE-Ex.\$118.43;CPI LANSING-TIF \$6,584.22; EAKES-Su.\$29.99; EFTPS-Sa.\$2,547.06; FAIRMONT LIGHT & WATER-Ut.\$3,099.62; FAIRVIEW MANOR-Su.\$47.79; FARMERS COOP-Ex. \$620.64FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP-Sa.633.30; FIRST NATIONAL BANK-Ex., Ma, Misc. Re. Se Su. Ut. \$1,545.80; GENEVA HOME CENTER-Su.\$380.42; GENEVA WELDING-Su.\$16; HEARTLAND BANK-Se.\$24.62; HOMETOWN LEASING-Se.\$79.92; JEO-Se.\$2,439.50; KOPCHOS-Ut. \$50; LINDA CARROLL-Mi.\$149.50;MIDWEST LAB-Se.\$81.50; MOMAR-Su.\$5,859.12; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC-Su.\$163.65;NDEQ-CI \$7,089.81; NEBR. PUBLIC HEALTH LAB-Se.\$225; NPPD-Se.\$20,708.52; NATIONAL LIFE INS.-Sa.\$74.26; NEBR. RURAL WATER ASSN.-Ex.\$375; NICK’S FARM STORE-Re.\$47.61; NMPP ENERGY-Se.\$1,100; PERENNIAL PUBLIC POWER –Se. & Re.\$2,326.71;PIPER’S INS.-Se.& Re.\$404.71; PRIME TIME CATERING-Se.\$100; SARGENT DRILLING-Re.\$940.69; STATE OF NEBR. DEPT. OF REV. –Ex. & Sa.\$2,720.73;STEVE MCLEISH-Misc.\$20; THE NEBR. SIGNAL-Se.\$201.65; U S CELLULAR-Ut. \$95.27; U S POST OFFICE-Ex. \$201; VAN KIRK BROTHERS-Re.\$2,595;WANDA MOSES-Misc.\$89.97; WILLIAM SCHROPFER-TIF \$2,170.15; WINDSTREAM-Ut.\$641.50;ZITO MEDIA-Ut.\$109.44. Voting aye: Moses, Fischer, Pfenning, Slocum and Tol. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board reviewed correspondence: 1) Emerald Ash Borer program from Extension Office; 2) Claim from Gary Knowles regarding reimbursement for running generator while electric work was being completed on the electric distribution system and he was out of power– general consensus of the board was to deny the claim as the electrical work was being completed to make improvements on the electrical distribution system for all residents; 3) May 2016 financials Fairmont Aging Services.

OLD BUSINESS

RESTROOMS AT SWIM POOL PARK

Trustee Slocum is waiting to hear from some contractors with plans and cost estimates for restrooms.

CPI/LANSING APPROACH OFF HWY 6

Trustee Tol stated to work on this approach would require working with BNSF and would be very costly. General consensus was to continue to fill the hole with crushed rock.

MARSHAL REPORT

Marshal Steve McLeish reviewed his monthly report. Items discussed: 1) Disturbance 2) Theft of gas; 3) Individuals contacted regarding mowing lots have mowed lots.

UTILITY SUP. REPORT

Ut. Sup. Butch Long reviewed monthly maintenance report. Items discussed: 1) Continue discussion with NDEQ on analysis on discharge #2, 2)Mid States has been unable to look at lagoon bottom due to wet weather and water is still in the bottom of the lagoon; 3) Preconstruction meeting with Watt Electric –work is completed; 4) Chris Grant has been hired to put gravel on streets; 4) Larvacide and mosquito spraying; 5) There is a sewer line in the swim pool park which can be used for the proposed restrooms; 6) Pool maintenance.

CLERK REPORT

Linda Carroll, Clerk/Treas. reviewed monthly report. Items discussed: 1)6th Ave Street Project financing; 2)Carpet cleaning; 3) Office being painted; 4) Renewal of 2016 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance– out of pocket maximum doubled with a premium decrease of 14.6%- Fischer moved and Slocum seconded to renew July 1, 2016 with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NE Bluepride Option 102. Voting aye: Fischer, Slocum, Pfenning, Tol and Moses. Motion carried. 5) Agreements with NEONLink will be reviewed at the July 11, 2016 board meeting.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

There were no payment arrangement forms

ADJOURNMENT

Tol moved and Slocum seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Voting aye: Tol, Slocum, Fischer, Pfenning, and Moses. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

GENE R. FISCHER, Chairperson

LINDA J. CARROLL, CMC
Clerk/Treas.