

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

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Fairmont Village Board of Trustees was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 14, 2021 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. Chairperson Donald A Moses called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Courtney Salmon recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Chris Grant, Jack R Slocum, Trisha Galusha-Chapman, and David R. Seggerman. Visitors to the meeting were: Ryan Kavan, Kevin Jones, Jeff Neiman, Stuart Bridges, Bill Schropfer, Carlene Light, D.V. Light, Margie Prentiss, Sherry Rose, Tyler Salmon, and Mike Scheil. Chairperson 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. Moses moved and Slocum seconded to approve the minutes of the May 10th, 2021, May 14th, 2021, and May 27th, 2021 board meetings. Voting aye: Seggerman, Moses, Grant, Slocum and Galusha-Chapman. Motion approved.

JEO – Ryan Kavan; Street Improvements Projects Update

Kavan provided updates on permits. Kavan queried about the Village’s access to useable soil and concrete for the projects. Village Board instructed Kavan to take what was needed from the soil and concrete piles on the south side of the Village of Fairmont. Discussion of construction estimated dates with December 1st, 2022 estimated for south most project and June 1st, 2022 estimated for east project. Discussion of JEO to make contact with State Department of Roads regarding temporary safety changes that can be considered for roads approaching the projects during construction.

Jeff Neiman

Neiman presented updates provided by the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors regarding solutions for the county-owned roads with concerns in the Village of Fairmont. Neiman also presented on behalf of the Village of Fairmont Fire Dept. inquiring on the status of getting the old “Attack” truck sold and where the funds would be distributed to. Village Board agrees to move the sale of the truck along with the money received in the sale to go to the Village of Fairmont Volunteer Fire Department.

Bill Schropfer

Bill Schropfer presented to the board concerns regarding 1) Underground Electric Project 2) Road Improvements to be considered to 11th Ave 3) Property nuisance with excess weeds and vehicles. Board discussed updates on the status of the Underground Electric Project, agrees to have the Village Maintenance Department survey the needs of 11th Ave and try to build the road up so drainage is more effective, and have the Village Marshal look into violations of the discussed property.

Albert “Skip” Radke

Skip presents concerns to the board regarding 1) the privately owned railroad crossing at F&G Streets 2) requests the Village of Fairmont put a water hydrant in on personal property for the purpose of starting a commercial vineyard. Board discussed options of reaching out to the owner of the railroad crossing discussed to see if they'd be willing to fill areas of concern with rock and/or gravel. Board agreed to put a water hydrant on Radke's personal property for the use of a commercially operated vineyard under the condition that the entirety of the vineyard's setup was complete with all poles, wires strung, and grapevines attached across the entire section of the property before placing the hydrant.

Mark Jarosz

Jarosz would like the Village Board to consider the sale of Village-owned lot 455 on 6th Ave. Board discussed allowing other Village entities time to consider future plans for utilizing that property before coming to any decisions regarding private sale.

Margie Prentiss/Carlene Light

Margie Prentiss and Carlene Light presented a request to the Village Board of Trustees to authorize an SDL and allow a street dance to be held on July 31st, 2021 for the 10th Annual Event sponsored by the Belly Button Riders. Grant moved and Galusha-Chapman seconded the authorization of a street dance to be held on July 31st, 2021 and for the American Legion to obtain an SDL for the event. Voting aye: Moses, Seggerman, Galusha-Chapman, Slocum, and Grant. Motion approved.

Wanda Moses- Village of Fairmont Swimming Pool Report

Wanda Moses presented updates on the status of the swimming pool and overall operations to the Village Board of Trustees as the Swimming Pool Manager. Topics discussed included water heater parts replacement, repairs to the baby pool, chemicals helping the staining and pool appearance from iron and manganese levels, and an update on a committee formed by Wanda Moses to start fundraising efforts to build a new pool. Moses discussed housing the fundraising donations and proceeds of fundraiser sales under the non-profit Fillmore County Foundation in an earmarked fund for the cause.

Courtney Salmon- Clerk/Treasurer Report

Courtney Salmon discussed with the Village Board 1) updates on projects happening within the office, 2) contracting with McNally Law for revising the Employee Handbook, 3) contracting with HR Professional Mike Henke to help aid in team strategy and overall village relations, 4) needing to determine a date for employee evaluations, 5) offsetting payroll by a week from the close of the pay period to the payroll processing date.

Mike Scheil- Utility/Maintenance Superintendent Report

Mike Scheil discussed with the Village Board 1) updates on regular duties, 2) successful running and operation of the road grater, 3) updates from Rich from NMPP regarding status and ETA of the Underground Electrical Project, 4) filled the potholes at the Casey's General Store road approach, 5) worked on leveling out the road by CPI, 6) costs and needs for gravel to maintain roads, 7) the sod installed at the horseshoe pits, 8) updates on pool repairs, 9) new motor put into

the fogger for mosquito spraying and planned schedule for spraying, 10) considerations of heavier-duty commercial mower in the future, 11) hiring of the new maintenance technician, Cody Edwards. Grant moved and Seggerman seconded to appoint Cody R. Edwards as the Village of Fairmont Maintenance Technician at a rate of \$18.00/hr. with a wage increase to be considered after six months of hire. Voting aye: Moses, Seggerman, Galusha-Chapman, Grant, and Slocum. Motion approved.

Connie Jo Felton-Kuil – Senior Center Report

Connie Jo provided the Village Board with documentation of updated finances and the minutes from the May 10th, 2021 Aging Service Board meeting. Following three months of successful employment, Moses moved and Galusha-Chapman seconded to give Cortni Sabin, Senior Center Cook, a 3% wage increase to reflect a new hourly rate of \$11.33/hr and to back-pay the increase for all hours worked since May 10th, 2021. Voting aye: Moses, Seggerman, Galusha-Chapman, Slocum, and Grant. Motion approved.

Tyler Salmon- Village Marshal Report

Salmon discussed with the board, 1) began code-enforcement with the Village of Exeter, 2) nuisance property letters issued, 3) tall weeds letters issued, 4) health and human services intakes, 5) unlicensed vehicle letters issued, 6) mowing and well checks done for the Village, 7) dog complaints addressed, 8) application for grant funds for updating e-citation equipment.

Old Business

Board reviewed protocols to be taken for the Sheriff's Sale for a local property on June 21st, 2021. Moses agreed to represent the Village of Fairmont at the sale.

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. Grant moved and Seggerman seconded to pay the following claims: GENERAL FUND: AFLAC-Sa\$709.20; AMERITAS-Sa\$2048.88; AQUA-CHEM- Su\$1735.90; BAMFORD-Se\$200.00;BLACK HILLS-Ut\$703.87; BCBS-Sa\$5659.43; BONSALL POOLS-Su\$374.95; BOK FINANCIAL-Ex\$115,528.75; BROOKS & ASSOCIATES-Se\$130.00;BURTON Ut\$85.00;COMPLETE MERCHANT-Se\$121.99; EFTPS-Sa\$4498.55;EAKES-Su\$903.72;EMC-Ma\$239.00;EXETER LUMBER-Eq\$53.24;FAIRMONT LIGHT & WATER-Ut\$3254.15; FARMERS COOP-Ma\$422.22; FILLMORE COUNTY COURT-Sa\$663.57;FIRST CONCORD GROUP, INC.-Sa\$939.10; FIRST NATIONAL BANK-Su,Re, Se,Ex\$6099.84; GENEVA LUMBER-Su\$385.26;GUYS AND GALS-Eq\$500.00;HAWKINS-Su\$624.06;HEARTLAND BANK-Ex\$36.00;HOMETOWN LEASING-Ex\$281.76; INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION-Se\$3000.00;JEO-Se\$3420.00; KOPCHOS-Ut\$25; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE-Sa\$37.13;MIDAMERICA CHEM RESEARCH-Ex\$272.40; MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIP-Su\$40.00; NDEE-Ex\$6864.67; NEBR. PUBLIC HEALTH ENV. LAB-Se\$15.00; NEBR PUBLIC POWER DIST. -Ex\$17984.59; NEBR RURAL WATER ASSOC.-Ex\$625.00; NEBRASKA SIGNAL-Ex\$191.85; NEONLINK-Ex\$76.60; NICK'S FARM STORE-Eq\$4.00; PAYROLL-Sa\$19,388.81; PERENNIAL PUBLIC

POWER-Ex\$1,866.96; PITNEY BOWES-Su\$174.51;PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICAITONS-Se\$1178.93; ONE-CALL CONCEPTS-Se\$8.45; STATE OF NEBR. DEPT. OF REVENUE-Sa&Ex\$2039.67 & \$4498.55;VIAERO-Ut\$238.79; WANDA MOSES-Se\$320.00;WINDSTREAM-Ut\$779.71; VERICHECK-Se\$37.80. YORK SPRINKLER SYSTEM-Se\$8427.3; YORK NEWS TIMES-Ex\$99.00.Voting aye: Grant, Slocum, Galusha-Chapman, Moses, and Seggerman. Motion approved.

Payment Arrangement Forms

Grant motioned and Galusha-Chapman seconded to approve payment arrangement form #341. Voting aye: Moses, Seggerman, Galusha-Chapman, Slocum, Grant. Motion approved.

Chris Grant- Village of Fairmont Trustee

Grant provided written notice to the Village of Fairmont Board of Trustees to end his term as of August 9th, 2021 due to a residential relocation outside of the Village of Fairmont.

Adjournment

Seggerman motioned and Slocum seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Voting aye: Moses, Seggerman, Grant, Galusha-Chapman, Slocum. Motion approved.

The next Regular Meeting will be Monday, July 12th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON
DONALD MOSES

CLERK/TREAS.
COURTNEY SALMON