

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, February 6th, 2026, 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. The board members present upon roll call were: Rod Ehmen, Matt Hafer, Dave Seggerman, and Bill Schropfer; absent-Stuart Bridges. Visitors to the meeting were: Wanda Marget, Georgia Schropfer, Martin Schildt, Amanda Schropfer, Tami Scheil, Mike Scheil and Tyler Salmon. 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. Hafer moved and Seggerman seconded to approve the minutes from January 12th, 2026, Regular Meeting and January 29th, 2026, Special meeting. Voting: 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for January 2026 was placed on file.

FY 2024-2025 Audit

Martin Schildt was present to review the annual FY 2024-2025 audit. He mentioned the single audit completed for the SRF funds relating to the water treatment plant. He commented on how smooth the process was and the timeliness of receiving requested documents. A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to approve the audit as presented. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Sand

There was a discussion regarding excess sand the Village has. It was determined to advertise accepting bids for sand and other surplus items.

Fairview Manor-Spending limit & freezer purchase

Fami presented three estimates to the board for the purchase of a new walk-in freezer. One is from Midwest Restaurant Supply for \$21,530, the second is from Central Nebraska Refrigeration for \$30,435.72 and the third is from Lee's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning for \$30,720.00. A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve a freezer purchase from Central Nebraska Refrigeration for \$30,435.72. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Seggerman, seconded by Hafer to approve Fairview Manor's spending limit from \$10,000 to \$15,000 before needing Village Board approval for purchases. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Discussion of Claim from Mark Jarosz

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to enter into executive session at 7:37pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Seggerman to exit executive session at 7:58pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed. No action was taken.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

The status of nuisance properties was discussed. It was mentioned to hire a company to mow overgrown vegetation where needed and assess those mowing fees to the owner. Dialog over possible zoning violations ensued.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

A question was raised regarding the work Sargent Drilling had to complete at the water treatment plant. Chairman Ehmen will reach out to the engineer to obtain more information. A walk-through will occur at the plant and a review of the punch list items. The generator runs on propane, but not natural gas. Black Hills will be put in a larger line. The board reviewed Mike's monthly report and estimates for asphalt/crack sealing.

Employee Handbook Review

The board members will evaluate the proposed changes made by Woods Aitken Law Firm and will be discussed further at the March board meeting.

Consider Pool & Asst. Pool Managers' Applications

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to approve hiring Sheila Lauby as the Pool Manager for \$22.00/hour. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve hiring Dave Seggerman (\$19.00/hour), Kelly Nun (\$18.25/hour) and McKenzie Scheil (\$17.00/hour) for Assistant Pool Managers. Roll call vote: ayes-Hafer, Schropfer, Ehmen; nays-none; absent-Bridges; abstain-Seggerman. Motion passed.

Advertise for Lifeguard positions

A motion was made by Seggerman, seconded by Schropfer to approve the advertisement for lifeguard positions. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Signature card on file at Heartland Bank (General Checking/Safety Deposit Box)

A motion was made by Seggerman, seconded by Schropfer to approve adding Brenda Rewinkel and removing Karen Margheim for the signature card on file at Heartland Bank's General Checking Account and Safety Deposit Box. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Claims

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to approve claims as presented excluding the claim to Sargent Drilling in the amount of \$4,963.62. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Correspondence

A review of the Senior Center report was made.

Old Business

None

Clerk/Treasurer Report

An update on the FEMA grant for the August 2025 storm was given.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve Payment Arrangements #435 & #436. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Amazon	Su	790.06
Ameritas	Re	2,306.02
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	295.81
Black Hills Energy	Ut	2,453.33
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	6,889.03
3OK Financial	Bond	353.75
Burton Enterprises	Re	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	547.85
CJ's Repair	Re	218.35
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	14.76
EMC Insurance	Ins	74,735.00

Fairmont Public Library	Misc	62.25
Farmers Coop	Fuel	408.39
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Fillmore Central School Dist. #25	Fee	10.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	75.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,046.54
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	702.49
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	41.59
First National Bank of Omaha	Fee	174.54
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	129.98
GBE (Gabriel, Burger, & Else, CPA, PC)	Audit	15,000.00
Geneva Implement Co.	Eq	1,250.00
Glenwood	Ut	62.06
Guardian Life Ins.	Ins	40.80
Hawkings Water Treatment	Su	492.75
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
IEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	1,197.50
John Deere Financial	Re	61.40
Kopchos	Re	33.00
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc.	Su	1,061.04
Madison National Life	Ins	17.64
Mid-American Research Chem.	Su	436.29
Nationwide Insurance	Ins	454.00
NE Public Power District	Ut	27,781.63
Nebraska Dept. Water, Env. & Energy	Fee	40.00
NE Public Health Envir Lab	Ex	461.00
Neonlink	Ex	181.20
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	1.64
Paycom	Fees	993.15
Payroll		22,342.60
Payroll Taxes		13,680.59
Perennial Public Power Dist.	Ut	2,042.57
Post office	Su	201.00
Presto-X	Ma	102.22
Schmader Electric	Ma	1,629.50
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	46.40
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,311.59
State of Nebraska	Ut	508.96
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	197.71
JSDA	Loan	7,974.00
Vericheck	Fee	43.90
Vestis	Su	382.82
Village	Ut	3,821.71
Village	Ex	129.98
Visa	Su	109.99
Visa	Su	19.99
What's Happening	Pu	50.00
Windstream	Ut	435.46
Windstream	Ut	573.84
Windstream	Ut	177.87
Windstream	Ut	95.49
Woods Aitken LLP	Ex	1,660.00

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