

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, JULY 15TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, July 15th, 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. The board members present upon roll call were: Rod Ehmen, Matt Hafer, Victoria Verhage, Bill Schropfer and Stuart Bridges. Visitors to the meeting were: Tyler Salmon, Holly Davenport, Debbie Grant, Paula Hoff, Bob Thompson, Stephanie Chambers, Mike Scheil and Shandra Reinsch. 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 Verhage seconded to approve the minutes from June 9th, 2025, Regular Meeting and June 25th, 2025, Special Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for June 2025 was placed on file.

Fire Department

Trustee Bridges shared the closing date for the Rural Fire Department to purchase the 401 5th Ave. property is Wednesday, July 16th at 10:30am. Part of the fence will be removed, and the new building will arrive in August. They are hoping to be fully moved in by the beginning of 2026.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

A bid in the amount of \$22,500 from Premier Power was reviewed for electrical changes on "E" Street. This quote was for labor only, most supplies the Village already owns. When this is done an upgrade to the transformer will be needed. A new siren has been ordered by the Fire Department. A couple of weeks ago, lightning was the possible cause for power lost at the water tower. One week later the south well lost power and communication. Johnson Service Company has completed their annual sewer line cleaning and maintenance. The annual budgeted amount for our sewer line maintenance contract was \$12,500. A discussion ensued to replace the transmission in one of the maintenance trucks. Two proposals have been received. The first was from Erdkamp Motors and the other was Aspegren Repair. The work will be completed at Aspegren Repair in Sutton for \$8,500. Gravel has been ordered. The girl's bathroom at the pool needs a new toilet paper dispenser. Dialog ensued over the pool water followed by a conversation on dirt work and gravel.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

The cream can fundraiser served 83 people and brought in \$1,117. Mary Tous Foundation donated funds to cover the expenses. Dialog ensued over hiring a part-time cook. It was decided to offer \$17.50 for a starting wage for one part-time cook with a maximum of 25 hours/week. CPR certification is a requirement for this person. A suggestion was made to check with Senior Services on employment requirements for a part-time Senior Center cook.

Library Report-Stephanie Chambers

During Old Setts, there were over 70 people who attended the 2-EEE entertainment at the Legion. Ginger Wilkins will be available to start working part-time again.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

There was a discussion on nuisance properties, feral cats and traffic concerns.

SEND (Southeast Nebraska Development District) Annual Membership-\$603.00

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Schropfer to approve our annual membership with SEND. Roll call vote - 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Sales Tax

Possible dates have been discussed for a Town Hall meeting regarding the sales tax proposal. The clerk will see what dates are available at the Legion. Then post cards will be mailed.

Pay Application #8-Hackel Construction-\$238,992.45

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to approve Pay Application #8 to Hackel Construction in the amount of \$238,992.45. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

New wholesale contract with NPPD (Nebraska Public Power District)

The new wholesale contract with NPPD is being reviewed by the Village attorney.

Claims

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

Correspondence

Pool Manager, Sheila Lauby, submitted an report for the 2025 Pool Season and was reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Old Business

None

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

A budget workshop and Special meeting will be held on Monday, July 28th at 7:00pm for all department heads.

Payment Arrangement(s)

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Hafer to adjourn the meeting at 10:02pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, August 11th, 2025, at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMAN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

34 Electric LLC	Ma	1,537.15
Aflac	Ins	1,124.01
Amazon	Su	630.07
Ameritas	Be	2,279.28
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Fee	288.50
Aqua Chem., Inc.	Su	1,055.71
Ball Insurance	Ins	3,118.08
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	217.27
Black Hills Energy	Ut	578.99
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	5,799.83
Bonsall Pools	Eq	2,907.28
Burton Enterprises	Ex	1,945.00
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	752.20
Cavapa Construction	Re	2,900.00
Cody Edwards	Ex	9.05
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	1,035.81
Farmers Coop	Fu	1,945.52
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	220.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	524.34
First Concord Benefits	Be	732.85

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First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,338.34
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	761.81
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,093.25
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	74.17
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	60.63
Geneva Home Center	Su	113.85
Geneva Parts City	Su	62.99
Geneva Tire & Auto	Re	153.50
Hackel Construction	CI	238,992.45
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
IEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	5,741.25
John Deere Financial	Re	74.86
Karen Margheim	Mi	85.40
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Lincoln Winwater Works	Su	467.00
Madison National Life Insurance	Ins	31.95
Mid-American Research Chemical	Su	165.80
Midwest Steel Fabricators, Inc.	Re	2,103.45
Nebraska Public Power District	Ut	33,143.12
Nebraska Power Review Board	Fee	61.75
Nebraska Public Health Envir. Lab	Ex	286.00
Neon Link	Ex	89.80
Nick's Farm Store	Ma	313.99
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	24.17
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	105.35
Paycom	Fee	804.26
Payroll		26,636.32
Payroll Taxes		8,593.98
Perennial Public Power	Ut	4,069.44
Post Office	Su	402.00
Premier Power, LLC	Re	313.00
Sargent Drilling	Re	733.34
Schmader Electric	Re	625.00
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	74.55
Sheila Lauby	Mi	136.00
Southeast Nebraska Development District	Fee	603.00
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,612.18
State of Nebraska	Ut	212.69
Talley Ho Vending	Su	535.75
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	92.65
Vericheck	Fee	44.10
Vestis	Su	351.06
Viaero	Ut	324.55
Village	Ut	3,710.51
Village	Ex	60.63
Windstream	Ut	354.94
Windstream	Ut	516.86
Windstream	Ut	171.22
Windstream	Ut	95.34

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