

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA  
MONDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, March 9th, 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 Stuart Bridges; absent-Bill Schropfer. Visitors to the meeting were: Tami Scheil, Ken Eller, Sheila Lauby, Cody Edwards, Tyler Keenan 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 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Special Meetings. Voting: 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for February 2026 was placed on file.

**Fairview Manor/Fillmore County Zoning**

Tami shared in the past there was a Nebraska bill which allocated \$300,000 towards nursing homes that had a daycare in them for improvements. After it passed, only one nursing home took advantage of the \$100,000 grant. The bill has been re-introduced and is in its last stages but has not made it yet to the final reading. If it passes, the nursing home would like to jump on the opportunity immediately and try to obtain a \$100,000 grant for an addition to the daycare. Tami shared the total approximate cost of the addition would be \$183,000. The addition to the daycare would allow them to host an additional 11 kids. Right now the max capacity is 36 kids. A motion was made by Seggerman, seconded by Hafer to approve Tami exploring the option of an addition to the nursing home/daycare. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

**Pay Application #12-Hackel Construction**

Tyler Keenan gave an update on the status of the water treatment plant project and discussed Pay Application #12. One item mentioned was Hackel will be completing Build America, Buy America forms/certifications needed. The discussion of allowing a 1% retainage versus 4%. Punch list items were reviewed and seeding was mentioned. Another item talked about was lead and copper testing will be completed between now and June. The bill to Sargent in the amount of \$4,963.62 was deliberated and may be paid by the company in charge of the controls. It was determined the 1% retainage was sufficient. A motion was made by Bridges, seconded by Hafer to approve Pay Application #12 to Hackel Construction in the amount of \$133,149.59. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

**Pool Opening/Give Back Day**

Sheila announced her desire to open the pool on Memorial Day-Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned to have a representative from Bonsall Pools present when the pool is filled to be able to remedy any issues. An application has been submitted to the Mary Tous Foundation for a grant. Updates needed included replacing safety mats in the restrooms and painting the locker room. April 6<sup>th</sup> will be the CPR certification date for the lifeguards.

**Consider Lifeguard Applications**

After reviewing and discussing lifeguard applications a motion was made by Bridges, seconded by Hafer to approve the applications received and set wages as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> season lifeguards-\$15.00/hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> season lifeguards-\$15.25/hour, 3<sup>rd</sup> season lifeguards-\$15.50/hour and 4th season lifeguards-\$15.75/hour. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

**Bid Opening**

A motion was made by Seggerman, seconded by Hafer to approve bids from Ken Eller-\$100.00 for two light poles, Amanda Schropfer-\$10.00 for light poles, Rod Ehmen-\$20.00 for two plastic tables, Amanda Schropfer-\$5.00 for tables, Amanda Schropfer-\$50.00 for sand/gravel and Lindsay Nelson-\$600.00 for the scoreboard. Roll call vote: ayes-Seggerman, Hafer and Bridges; nays-none; absent-Schropfer and abstain-Ehmen. Motion passed.

**Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil**

Mike was at an annual continuing education conference in Kearney and was unable to attend the meeting. He submitted a report for the board to review. Cody filled in to update the board with various projects around town. He started with four

water meters having been replaced and one electric meter was in and out on the same day at a house that had a water leak. Eight to ten streetlights have been replaced. They have been working on putting signs together. Globes for streetlights were mentioned and they will be checking with 34 Electric on ordering more. A plan was deliberated for opening the pool.

### **Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon**

Dialog ensued over obtaining estimates for property cleanup, a letter was mailed to one owner with no response received. One estimate for cleaning up big items on a property was \$1,500. The suggestion was made to establish nuisance property mowing services and possible companies were talked about. Various run-down properties were mentioned.

An employee's job performance was discussed and possible disciplinary action.

### **Ballfield**

The board members read an overview from Shane Bristol on the status of updates to the ballfield in preparation for the season. The discussion began with a suggestion being made to move picnic tables to the ballfield. The underground sprinklers have been checked and will need to be fixed in zone 7 after parts are ordered. The approximate cost of parts will be \$150.00. More aggregate will need to be ordered with an approximate cost of \$3,000.00.

### **Signature Card on file at Heartland Bank-Savings Acct**

A motion was made by Bridges, seconded by Seggerman to remove Karen Margheim and Dave Seggerman/add Rodney Ehmen and Matt Hafer to the Signature Card on file at Heartland Bank-Savings Account. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

### **Employee Handbook Review**

The first 20 pages of the employee handbook will be examined before the next meeting and deliberated.

### **Claims**

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Bridges to approve the claims as they were presented. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

### **Correspondence**

The monthly Senior Center report was reviewed.

### **Old Business**

After some discussion, it was determined to re-advertise the Village Clerk/Treasurer position for two weeks in various places and with numerous publication outlets. The deadline to apply for the position is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

There was nothing to report.

### **Payment Arrangement(s)**

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Bridges to approve Payment Arrangement #437. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Bridges to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,  
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,  
CLERK/TREASURER

**Claims**

Aflac	Ins	1,133.18
Amazon	Su	504.94
Ameritas	RE	2,308.32
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	251.89
Black Hills Energy	Ut	2,583.94
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	5,087.54
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Burton Enterprises	Ex	382.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	460.85
CPI	TIF	24,513.14
Cummins Sales and Service	Ma	725.72
Dakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	113.55
EMC Insurance	Ins	10,983.00
Exeter Lumber Company	Su	70.75
Fairmont Public Library	Su	62.25
Family Handyman	Su	20.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	449.80
Farmers Coop	Fu	185.69
First Concord Benefits	Be	402.04
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,104.38
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	623.62
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	10.54
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	1,155.27
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	30.96
Garden Gate	Su	27.00
Geneva Parts City	Ma	243.90
Geneva Post Office	Su	100.00
Geneva Tire and Auto	Ma	874.18
Glenwood	Ut	62.06
Guardian Insurance	Ins	40.80
Hackel Construction	CI	133,149.59
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
HEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	920.00
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Loup Valley Lighting, Inc.	Re	392.95
Madison National Life	Ins	17.64
McCalls Quilting	Su	49.95
Mid-American Research Chem.	Su	3,335.00
Mobile Tech, Inc.	Se	13,924.51
Mother Earth News	Su	39.95
Municipal Supply Inc.	Su	1,472.40
NE Public Power District	Ut	23,100.85
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	3.28
Paycom	Fees	580.84
Payroll		25,302.19
Payroll Taxes		9,754.46
Perennial Public Power District	Ut	4,085.14
Pitney Bowes	Ex	228.57
Post Office	Su	201.00
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	63.51
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,456.85
State of Nebraska	Ut	254.48
T & T Repair, LLC	Re	371.88
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	79.80

Foyne	Su	139.13
JSDA	Loan	4,640.00
Vestis	Su	251.88
Village	Ut	4,021.92
What's Happening	Pu	50.00
William Schropfer	TIF	369.87
Windstream	Ut	432.86
Windstream	Ut	551.26
Windstream	Ut	177.87
Windstream	Ut	95.49
Woods Aitken, LLP	Ex	375.00
York Ace Hardware	Su	29.14

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