

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 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 Don Moses called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Don Moses, Rod Ehmen, Victoria Verhage, Matt Hafer and Jack Slocum. Visitors to the meeting were: Jean Engle, Wanda Marget, Tyler Salmon, Stephanie Chambers, Shandra Reinsch and Mike Scheil. Chairman 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. Verhage moved and Ehmen seconded to approve the minutes of the December 11th, 2023 Regular Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for December 2023 was placed on file.

Fillmore County Emergency Management Communications

Jean Engle, Fillmore County Emergency Manager, was present to ask the Board of Trustees for permission to utilize the water tower as a location for attaching a repeater antenna to improve county-wide communication. The repeater needs to be at least 100 feet in the air. Permission by the Trustees was granted.

Resolution 2024-01 Employee Handbook Changes (Sick & Vacation Leave Policies)

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Hafer to approve Resolution 2024-01 for Employee Handbook Changes to the Sick Leave and Vacation Leave Policies. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Insurance Renewal-Cyber Coverage

After some discussion, it was decided not to add this coverage to the Village's policy due to the significant cost.

SEND DDBG Drawdown #19-HO-36005

Project #19-SEND \$2,104.24

Project #19-SEND \$962.08

Project #19-SEND \$1,425.00

Project #009-Cavapa Const. \$5,060.00

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Moses to approve the claims for our final drawdown on CDBG Housing Rehab grant project #19-HO-36005. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Claims

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Hafer to approve the claims as presented. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Discussion ensued over a letter received from a potential future Village attorney. No changes are planned to be made anytime soon.

Old Business

None

Library Report-Stephanie Chambers

Director Stephanie shared her report with the Board members. The Fiscal Year End Report was presented. The Annual Bibliostats Report has been completed. It was determined that Wanda Marget's wage will be decreased to \$15.00/hour while she is working part-time. There was a discussion over increasing the annual contribution for the What's Happening publication to \$500.00 since it will be utilized more for Village communications.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Marshal Salmon gave an update regarding a nuisance property in town in the 1100 block of G Street and an upcoming court date in April.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

Director Shandra shared with the Board members the results of her Annual State Inspection.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Superintendent Mike shared with the board members his monthly report. Snow removal went well. He asked the board members for permission to be the Certified Water Operator for McCool Junction temporarily. They approved.

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to enter into executive session at 8:33pm regarding personnel issues. A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Hafer to exit executive session at 9:00pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

Village Attorney Charley Campbell will be completing a petition for annexation regarding new property purchased by a resident in the 100 block of A Street.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Hafer to approve payment arrangements #387, #388 & #389. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

At 9:02pm, a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th, 2024 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Aflac	Ins	841.50
Amazon	Su	183.04
Ameritas	RE	2,223.44
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Fee	1,216.30
Aramark	Ma	159.96
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	157.93
Biblionix	Su	1,430.00
Bishop Business	Ma	1,348.00
Black Hills	Ut	1,689.57
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	11,816.88
BOK Financial	Bond	95,615.00
BOK Financial	Bond	3,736.25
BOK Financial	Bond	14,892.78
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Diode Technologies	Ma	265.52
Dutton-Lainson Company	Ma	596.00
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Fee	256.64
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	536.82
Electric Pump	Re	1,172.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	406.84
Farmers Coop	Fu	67.54
First Concord Benefits	Be	78.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	452.08
First Concord Benefits	Be	600.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	237.30
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	2,845.94

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First National Bank-Omaha	Su	539.62
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	240.14
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	2,718.96
Fyr-Tek	Arpa	2,543.00
Geneva Tire & Auto Inc.	Re	306.48
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
Kopchos	Ex	32.00
Madison National Life	Ins	49.22
Momar	Su	456.60
Mother Earth News	Su	18.00
NE Public Power District	Ut	23,169.12
NE Public Health Envir. Lab	Fee	15.00
NeonLink	Ex	82.60
NMC Exchange, LLC	Ma	1,019.60
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	10.74
Paycom Fees	Fee	651.67
Payroll		23,436.34
Payroll Taxes		8,351.26
Perennial Public Power	Ut	12.03
Pitney Bowes	Su	91.29
Post Office	Su	201.00
Premier Power, LLC	Ma	17,918.75
Sargent Drilling	Arpa	71,518.57
Sargent Drilling	Ma	400.00
Servi-Tech, Inc.	Ma	42.00
Shandra Reinsch	Fu	97.33
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,178.02
State of Nebraska	Fee	308.16
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	64.43
Verichack	Fee	33.45
Viaero	Ut	368.28
Village	Ut	3,190.56
Vipre Computer	Su	109.99
Wanda Marget	Re	267.96
Wanda Marget	Fu	75.98
Windstream	Ut	307.19
Windstream	Ut	104.80
Windstream	Ut	488.79
Windstream	Ut	165.50
Windstream	Ut	94.97

Publication Codes Eq: Be: Benefits; Equipment; Ex: Expense; Fee: Fee; Fu: Fuel; Ma: Maintenance; Mi: Mileage; Misc: Miscellaneous; Pu: Publications; Re: Repairs; Sa: Salaries; Se: Service; Su: Supplies; Ut: Utilities; CI: Capital Improvement; TIF: Tax Increment Financing, RE: Retirement; Ins: Insurance, Tax: Taxes)