

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, Bill Schropfer, and Stuart Bridges. Visitors to the meeting were: Wanda Marget, Mike Scheil, Tyler Salmon, Skip Radke, 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. Seggerman moved and Hafer seconded to approve the minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for December 2025 was placed on file.

**Fillmore County Development Corporation**

Eric was unable to attend but shared an invitation to the FCDC Annual meeting to be held at the Shickley Community Center on February 11<sup>th</sup> with Happy Hour starting at 5:30pm.

**Fairview Manor dishwasher purchase**

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve a from Midwest Restaurant Supply for a new dishwasher in the amount of \$12,244 for the Fairview Manor. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon**

Tyler shared a vandalism concern of someone trying to steal eggs and throwing them at properties.

**Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil**

Mike has received an estimate from 316 Asphalt Paving for crack and street repair to cover 31 blocks for \$27,900 (approximately \$900/block). We are waiting to receive another estimate. The modifications Sargent Drilling had requested at the water treatment plant have been made. The generator will run on propane, but not natural gas. The globes for the street lights on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue were mentioned. Christmas lights have been taken down. The streets will continue to be graded once every two weeks or as needed.

**Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch**

Shandra said they will put flags outside of the Senior Center to show they are open. She plans to advertise more on Facebook to help drive business. The Senior Center is looking for more live entertainment options. Three possible names were mentioned to change the Senior Center to so everyone knows the Center and its services are available for everyone of all ages. The time limit will be removed for reserving lunches starting in March.

**Charles Hawthorne-Fairmont Housing Authority Board**

A motion was made by Bridges, seconded by Hafer to approve Charles Hawthorne to serve on the Fairmont Housing Authority Board. Roll call vote: ayes-Bridges, Hafer, Schropfer, and Seggerman; nays-none; abstain-Ehmen. Motion passed.

**Change meeting time**

Dialog ensued over changing the meeting time according to the season. After some debate it was decided to leave the meeting time at 7:00pm, but it may be deliberated again in the future.

**Employee Handbook Review**

No updates have been received.

**Advertise for Pool Manager & Asst. Pool Managers**

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Bridges to approve the advertisement for a Pool Manager and Assistant Managers for the 2026 season. Roll call vote: ayes-Schropfer, Bridges, Hafer and Ehmen; nays-none; abstain-Seggerman. Motion passed.

## Pay Application #13-Hackel Construction

Nothing was received.

## Claims

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

## Correspondence

Two pieces of correspondence were received. One was from the State of Nebraska stating the Village is in compliance of the requirements needed for the sewer lagoons to be moved to full-retention status. The other was a reminder from Emergency Manager Jean Engle on requirements for NIMS training and Federal grants received.

## Old Business

The question of year-end bonuses was brought up. After some dialog a motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Bridges to approve all full-time and part-time employees receiving a \$150 bonus. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The clerk will get checks printed this week.

## Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

The clerk is finishing up a FEMA grant from the August storm. After the clerk mentioned her resignation, a motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to approve the advertisement for a new clerk. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

## Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Seggerman to approve payment arrangement #434. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

ROD EHMEN,  
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,  
CLERK/TREASURER

## Claims

34 Electric, LLC	Ma	244.46
Aflac	Ins	624.12
Amazon	Su	460.50
Ameritas	Re	1,138.65
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Ex	2,124.64
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	227.51
Bishop Business	Ex	1,458.00
Black Hills Energy	Ut	2,307.31
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	6,889.03
Bonsall Pools	Ma	1,216.75
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	408.05
Diode Technologies	Ma	319.00
Dutton-Lainson Company	Su	1,433.29
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	396.51
EMC Insurance	Ins	20.00
Fairmont Rescue Unit	Reimb	606.50
Farmers Coop	Fu	4,546.67

Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	81.92
First Concord Benefits	Be	75.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	402.04
First Concord Benefits	Be	402.04
First Concord Benefits	Be	75.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,288.29
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,007.58
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	10.54
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	264.78
Frist National Bank of Omaha	Su	24.10
Fyr-Tek	Su	9,067.50
Glenwood	Ut	62.06
Guardian Insurance	Ins	40.80
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	3,593.75
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	1,000.00
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
Madison National Life	Ins	17.64
Midwest Living	Su	7.00
Moyle's Automotive	Re	105.67
Municipal Supply, Inc.	Su	1,243.20
NE Public Power District	Ut	24,661.16
NE Dept. Water, Envir. & Energy	Loans	15,077.86
NE Public Health Envir Lab	Ex	15.00
NeonLink	Ex	180.00
NMC, LLC	Re	3,123.11
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	2.46
Paycom	Fee	573.58
Payroll		20,731.49
Payroll Taxes		7,029.80
Perennial Public Power	Ut	2,042.57
Post office	Su	201.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Su	5,000.00
Shanda Reinsch	Mi	83.02
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,311.59
State of Nebraska	Ut	254.48
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	63.81
Vericheck	Fee	86.45
Vestis	Su	342.47
Viaero	Ut	649.97
Village	Ut	3,526.84
What's Happening	Pu	500.00
Windstream	Ut	355.25
Windstream	Ut	489.46
Windstream	Ut	178.04
Windstream	Ut	95.54

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