**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, February 14th, 2022 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. Chairperson Donald A Moses called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Don Moses,

David Seggerman, Trisha Galusha-Chapman, Austin Jarosz and Jack Slocum. Visitors to the meeting were: Victoria Verhage, Mike and Tammy Scheil, Tyler Salmon and Jeff Neiman. Chairperson 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. Seggerman moved and Chapman seconded to approve the minutes of the January 10th, 2022 regular meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved. The Treasurer’s Report for January 2022 was placed on file.

**Electrical Project Update—Rich Eymann-NMPP Energy**

Chairman Moses gave a brief update of some concerns surrounding the underground electrical project after a phone call with Rich Eymann since he was not able to attend. One of the reasons the contractors are not able to proceed is the frost in the ground. Another issue was being able to meet the budget. Rich gave the indication the project should be under budget. There was also a discussion on the number of people working on the project. Rich plans to attend the March meeting to give an update on the project.

**Fillmore County Board—CPI Crossing**

Jeff Neiman asked the Board of Trustees who owned the property leading up to the CPI facility outside of Fairmont. The County has received complaints regarding some of the concerns about the area.

**Advertisement for 2022 Swimming Pool Employees**

An advertisement will be placed in The Nebraska Signal for swimming pool employees.

**Fairview Manor-Van purchase**

Tammy Scheil discussed an opportunity to purchase a newer van for the Manor. This van is already equipped with handicap accessibility. The private individual is also willing to sell it for a very reasonable price. Tammy shared price comparison examples of what they would spend if they purchased a vehicle then had it customized for their needs. Chapman made a motion, seconded by Seggerman to allow Fairview Manor to purchase the van from this individual in the amount of $29,000. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

**Water Main Issues**

After working on the water main on the west side of town, some homes experienced gunk floating thru their water lines and plugging their soft water filtering system. The Board of Trustees agreed to cover the replacement cost of one filter, one time submitted by individuals affected. They will be reviewed and paid at the March meeting.

**Accounting Firm (Audit/Budget)**

The Village recently was informed the accounting firm who usually conducts the annual audit does not have a CPA on staff certified to conduct municipal audits. The Village searched for an accounting firm who was willing to conduct the audit. Due to the time of year, the audit will not be completed before the March 31st, 2022 deadline. There is a chance the Village may pay a fine of up to $2,000 for not having it completed in time. When the clerk spoke with the State Auditor’s office, they indicated the penalty may not be put into effect this year. There was no guarantee, but they didn’t think they would at this time. Two accounting firms were willing to assist us. One accounting firm is Gabriel Burger Else CPA PC for the amount of $14,000. The other firm is Ortmeier & Associates CPA Inc. for $10,000 plus additional costs. After reviewing the agreements both firms submitted a motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Chapman to sign the contract with Gabriel Burger Else CPA PC for the audit/budget for the next three years. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

**SENDD-CDBG Drawdown #11 (using $8,526.14 other funds received for payment to MIT Contracting)**

**Payment to MIT Contracting-Project #010-1--$4,960.00**

A motion was made by Seggerman, seconded by Jarosz to approve the payment for this project. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

**Payment to MIT Contracting-Project #011-1--$6,825.00**

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Jarosz to approve the payment for this project. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

**Payment to MIT Contracting-Project #012-1--$4,683.86**

A motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Seggerman to approve the payment for this project.

Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

**Budgeted items**

There was discussion on putting vehicle trackers on Village vehicles. It was mentioned to check with the dealership the vehicles came from to see if they are already set up for a tracking system.

**Claims**

It was decided to discontinue paying for the Google Suite feature. A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Seggerman to pay claims as they were presented. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

**Correspondence**

A motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Jarosz to convene into executive session at 8:10pm to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote - 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved. Seggerman moved and Jarosz seconded to reconvene into open session at 8:26pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

**Old Business**

None

**Aging Services**

An Aging Services report was submitted prior to the meeting and included in the Board Members packets for review.

**Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon**

Marshal Salmon presented his report to the Board Members. He informed them he will be participating in a training with the computer software on the speed control device. Salmon showed the Board the information collected by the device and how it organizes the data into charts, maps and graphs. You can click on any day and time. Board members also reviewed Marshal Salmon’s monthly report.

**Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil**

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Scheil reviewed his monthly report with the Board members. He indicated he has been spending a lot of time with Van Kirk Brothers’ crew on projects. He discussed the bid from Perennial for the electrical add-on to the lagoon rehab project. Option #1-The estimated cost of this option is $9,217.14 and would allow the lagoon’s electrical usage to be hooked into Fairmont’s electrical supply. Option #2-The estimated cost would be $9,082.29. Perennial would give us an investment credit of $3,100.00. making the upfront cost $5,982.29. The electricity would be purchased from Perennial at .093 per kilowatt hour and would have a monthly facility charge of $45.00. The Board of Trustees chose Option #1 and purchase the electricity from our own electrical facility.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim**

The clerk discussed her plan to attend the Annual Municipal Clerk Academy in March.

ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds and reporting were discussed. The Village office will be closed

on Monday, Feb. 21st for Presidents’ Day. An interest payment for the Rescue Unit bond will be made before March 15th to BOK Financial in the amount of $886.25.

**Payment Arrangements**

There were none. A discussion ensued on delinquent accounts.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th, 2022 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES, KAREN MARGHEIM,

CHAIRPERSON CLERK/TREASURER

**Claims**

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| AFLAC | Ins | 855.74 |
| All Traffic Solutions | Eq | 11,211.00 |
| Ameritas | Re | 1,500.34 |
| Bankcard | Fee | 122.99 |
| Black Hills | Ut | 209.21 |
| Black Hills | Ut | 47.73 |
| Black Hills | Ut | 66.26 |
| Black Hills | Ut | 171.50 |
| Black Hills | Ut | 431.06 |
| Blue Cross/Blue Shield | Ins | 7,508.99 |
| BOK Financial | Int | 886.25 |
| Burton | Ex | 85.00 |
| Complete Merchant Service | Fee | 129.99 |
| EMC Insurance | Ins | 10,900.00 |
| Eakes | Ex | 239.32 |
| Eakes | Su | 137.98 |
| Erdkamp Motors | Ma | 933.39 |
| Fairmont Fire Dept. | Su | 13,939.00 |
| Farmer Coop | Ex | 89.01 |
| Farmers Coop | Ex | 359.70 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | 902.26 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | 444.08 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | 144.00 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | 63.35 |
| Heartland | Fee | 20.00 |
| Inspro Ins | Ins | 2,360.00 |
| JEO | Ex | 7,025.00 |
| Kopchos | Ex | 25.00 |
| Lichti’s Inc | Se | 263.59 |
| Lincoln Winwater Works | Su | 480.03 |
| Linda Marget-Hughes | Ex | 200.00 |
| Mid-State Engineering & Testing, Inc. | Ex | 539.00 |
| Midwest Mobile Tech Inc. | Su | 1,396.03 |
| Nebraska Public Power Dist. | Ut | 25,756.94 |
| Nebraska Dept. of Env. Quality | Fee | 40.00 |
| Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab | Ex | 83.00 |
| NEON Link | Ex | 79.80 |
| Nick’s Farm Store | Eq | 2,476.00 |
| One Call Concepts, Inc. | Ex | 23.50 |
| Paycom | Fee | 1,057.84 |
| Payroll |  | 17,913.60 |
| Payroll Taxes |  | 5,878.79 |
| Perennial | Ut | 3,983.60 |
| Post Office | Ex | 201.00 |
| Rembolt Ludtke LLP | Ex | 1,980.00 |
| State of Nebr. | Tax | 2,707.91 |
| The Nebraska Signal | Ex | 45.28 |
| USDA | Lo | 7,974.00 |
| Windstream | Ut | 116.51 |
| Windstream | Ut | 87.01 |
| Windstream | Ut | 409.85 |
| Windstream | Ut | 159.62 |
| Vericheck | Fee | 33.70 |
| Verizon | Ut | 36.35 |
| Viaero | Ut | 384.54 |
| Village | Ut | 4,485.90 |