

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2023**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, August 14th, 2023 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, Victoria Verhage, Rod Ehmen, Austin Jarosz and Jack Slocum. Visitors to the meeting were: Ken Eller, Bill Kelch, Wanda Marget, Tyler Salmon, Georgia Schropfer, Mike Chambers, Bill Schropfer, Mike Schultes, Matt Hafer, Jeff Neiman, Stuart Bridges and Shandra Reinsch. 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. Slocum moved and Ehmen seconded to approve the minutes of the July 10th, 2023 Regular Meeting and July 13th, 2023 Special Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for July 2023 was placed on file.

Fillmore County Development Corp

Due to a scheduling conflict, Eric Johnson was not able to be in attendance. Prior to the meeting an e-mailed message with updates was received and read by the Clerk.

Water Treatment Plant Project

Mike Schultes reviewed the water treatment plant project. He explained the contents and layout of the building. The total estimated project cost is \$2,737,900. With a loan forgiveness amount of 75%. The loan is estimated to be \$684,250 with an interest rate of 1.2% for a period of 30 years. Once the project design has been completed, we will advertise to accept bids. This is looking to be early in 2024.

Review One & Six Year Road Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The One & Six Year Road Plan was reviewed.

Sidewalk estimate 600 block of F Street

Ken Eller provided two estimates for sidewalk repair by the Fire Barn prior to the board meeting and was included in the board packets. The sidewalk being replaced runs across the alley. One estimate was received from Glessman Contracting for \$2,450.00 and the other estimate was from 4-Square Contracting, LLC for \$1,275.00. This includes removing the existing sidewalk and a new one will be poured at 5" thick reinforced with ½ fiber glass rebar. A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Slocum to approve the estimate from 4-Square Contracting, LLC. Roll call vote-5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Sewer line issues 100 block of 6th Ave.

After a sewer backup, it was discovered to have been caused by root intrusion. Bill Kelch had already contacted a plumber and purchased a liquid sewer cleaner in an effort to resolve the issue prior to this being discovered. A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Jarosz to reimburse Bill for his expenses to the plumber and for the drain cleaner in the total amount of \$390.26. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Property concern-1000 Block of G St.

Bill Schropfer discussed issues with a nuisance property in the 1000 block of G St. No formal action was taken during the board meeting, but several concerns were debated.

Fire Department

In an effort to be in compliance after our last fiscal year audit, the Fire Department asked if funds can be transferred from the existing checking and savings account in order for a joint account to be opened with the Rural Fire Dept. A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Verhage for \$5,000 to be withdrawn from the Fire Dept. Social Checking Account number ending in #9500 and \$5,000 to be withdrawn from the Fire Dept. Equipment Savings Account number ending in #6008 and for the withdrawn amounts to be made out in a Cashier's Check(s) in order to open a joint checking account with the Fairmont Rural Fire Dept. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Property Concern-800 block of 5th St.

Georgia Schropfer had a concern with a property in the 800 block of 5th St. No formal action was taken during the board meeting, but a discussion ensued.

Ordinance 23-553 Vacating North Portion of 13th Street

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Slocum to waive the 3-reading requirement for Ordinance 23-553. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Moses, seconded by Jarosz to approve Ordinance 23-553 vacation the north part of 13th Street which runs through the Grant property. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Traffic flow at 5th Ave. & I Street intersection

Mike Chambers received 12 signatures of individuals who have expressed interest in having a stop sign installed at the intersection of 5th Ave. & I Street. Some improvement has been seen with the traffic flow over the last few months. Ideas were deliberated.

Payment for Heartland Bank Short-term loan in the amount of \$406,355.00

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Moses to pay off the short-term bank loan to Heartland Bank in the amount of \$406,355.00. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

SEND (Southeast Nebraska Development District) Annual Membership

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Jarosz to approve our annual membership with SEND and pay dues in the amount of \$603.00. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Board Member Austin Jarosz-resignation

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Ehmen to approve Austin Jarosz's resignation from the board effective August 31st, 2023. Roll call vote – ayes: Slocum, Ehmen, Verhage and Moses, nays: none, abstain: Jarosz. Motion passed.

Claims

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to approve claims as they were presented to the Board of Trustees. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Correspondence

A letter was received from NMPP Energy regarding their annual marketing service they have provided to the Village over the past 20 years in designing and typing up our Community Connections newsletter. It has been decided they will no longer offer this service. Some discussion regarding future community correspondence was considered.

Old Business

None

Library Report-Wanda Marget

The library budget was received for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Wanda expressed her desire to retire and start the process of looking for another full-time librarian. No official date was provided. She's willing to train the next individual and work part-time after as a staff assistant.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Marshal Salmon provided a Building Inspection Agreement for the Board members to review. A copy was provided in their packet prior to the meeting. Dialog occurred in an effort to focus on the handling of nuisance properties.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

A report for the Senior Center was provided before the meeting and included in the packet. Aging Partners will be conducting an inspection of the building. In October will be the 40th Anniversary and t-shirt designs are being decided

on. Rentals are picking up. The new menu sign will be fixed and put back up. The idea of being opened on some Saturdays was mentioned.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Utility Superintendent Scheil was unable to attend, but Chairman Moses expressed the need for the Village to purchase another weed eater.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

Utility usage and disconnect/reconnect fees were discussed for a property in the 700 block of 7th Ave. After some discussion, it was decided no adjustment would be made regarding the fees already assessed. A budget workshop date for August 28th, 2023 at 7:00pm will be set.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Jarosz to approve payment arrangements #369, #370, #371 and #372. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

At 9:22pm a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES,
CHAIRPERSON

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

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| 3E Electrical Eng & Equip | Re | \$2,856.38 |
| AFLAC | Ins | \$765.16 |
| Ameritas | RE | \$1,782.49 |
| Aqua Chem, Inc | Su | \$1,035.85 |
| Aramark | Ma | \$520.47 |
| Bankcard/CMS | Fee | \$155.99 |
| Black Hills | Ut | \$390.06 |
| Blue Cross/Blue Shield | Ins | \$8,382.95 |
| BOK Financial | Fee | \$750.00 |
| Bonsall Pools | Su | \$88.75 |
| Burton Enterprises | Ex | \$85.00 |
| Carquest | Su | \$14.75 |
| Cash-Wa Distributing | Su | \$233.30 |
| Eakes | Fee | \$256.64 |
| Eakes | Su | \$111.04 |
| Farmer Coop | Fuel | \$131.98 |
| Farmer Coop-Fire Dept | Fuel | \$364.32 |
| Fillmore County Hosp | Ex | \$105.00 |
| First Concord Benefits | Fee | \$60.00 |
| First Concord Benefits | Be | \$1,377.56 |
| First Concord Benefits | Be | \$578.94 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | \$1,693.47 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | \$503.55 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | \$509.97 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | \$531.59 |
| First National Bank of Omaha | Su | \$112.01 |
| Hawkins Water Treatment | Su | \$1,469.24 |

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| Heartland Bank | Loan | \$406,355.00 |
| Heartland Bank | Fee | \$20.00 |
| JEO Consulting Group, Inc | Ex | \$17,500.00 |
| John Deere Financial | Su | \$255.62 |
| Kopchos | Ex | \$25.00 |
| League of NE Municipalities | Fee | \$4,396.00 |
| Lincoln Journal Star | Pu | \$135.00 |
| Love Signs of Grand Island | Ex | \$7,890.50 |
| Madison National Life | Ins | \$30.05 |
| Medical Enterprises, Inc | Ex | \$105.00 |
| Municipal Supply, Inc | Su | \$8,020.54 |
| Nationwide Ins | Ins | \$100.00 |
| NE Public Power District | Ut | \$34,701.39 |
| NE Public Health Env Lab | Ex | \$15.00 |
| Nick's Farm Store Co | Eq | \$1,105.36 |
| One Call Concepts, Inc | Ex | \$4.76 |
| Paycom | Fee | \$740.41 |
| Payroll | | \$33,115.85 |
| Payroll Taxes | | \$9,490.59 |
| Perennial Public Power | Ut | \$2,013.25 |
| Petty Cash | Ex | \$100.00 |
| Post Office | Po | \$201.00 |
| Shandra Reinsch | Mi | \$61.83 |
| Southeast Nebraska Dev Dist | Dues | \$603.00 |
| State of Nebr. | Tax | \$2,712.10 |
| The Nebraska Signal | Pu | \$73.21 |
| Thrasher Foundation Repair | Ma | \$5,043.76 |
| Vericheck | Fee | \$47.80 |
| Viaero | Ut | \$731.22 |
| Village | Ut | \$4,043.16 |
| Wanda Marget | Be | \$535.92 |
| York Ace Hardware | Su | \$32.96 |
| Windstream | Ut | \$133.08 |
| Windstream | Ut | \$101.20 |
| Windstream | Ut | \$464.45 |
| Windstream | Ut | \$161.22 |
| Data 443 | Su | \$12.19 |
| Kids Reference | Su | \$368.48 |
| State of Nebr. | Tax | \$906.61 |
| Micromarketing | Su | \$279.27 |
| Overdrive Renewal | Su | \$500.00 |
| Penworthy | Su | \$156.85 |
| National Geographic | Su | \$54.00 |
| Dak Tech | Su | \$1,958.00 |
| Windstream/Kinetic | Ut | \$91.91 |
| Amazon | Su | \$243.09 |

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