

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, September 11th, 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 and Jack Slocum. Visitors to the meeting were Mike Scheil, Matt Kalin, Chris Koch, Stephanie Laux, Tami Scheil, Tyler Salmon, Wanda Marget 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. Ehmen moved and Verhage seconded to approve the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting and August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting. Voting: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for August 2023 was placed on file.

**Windstream Pole Use Agreement**

Chris Koch shared Windstream/Kinetic is looking into purchasing 33-40 electrical poles on the north side of the railroad tracks from the Village. A decision was made to have them inspected before negotiating a price. No formal action will be taken until the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

**Electrical Distribution System Overview-Matt Kalin, JEO**

Matt Kalin was present to give a financial overview of Fairmont's electrical distribution system. Numbers associated with possible lease options was shared along with answering general questions.

**One & Six Year Road Plan Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to open the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing at 7:44pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. No changes were made. At 7:45pm, a motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Verhage to close the hearing. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Verhage to open the hearing for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:45pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. A decision was made to increase the maintenance equipment budget \$10,000 for the purchase of a side-by-side and to increase the Senior Center payroll budget by \$15,600 to hire a part-time cook/assistant. At 7:50pm, a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to close the budget hearing. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2023-03 One & Six Year Road Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to approve Resolution 2023-03 for the One & Six Year Road Plan for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2023-04 Setting Property Tax Request/FY 2023-24 Budget**

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Verhage to approve Resolution 2023-04 Setting Property Tax Request for the fiscal year 2023-24 budget. The General Fund request is \$360,922.53 and the Bond Fund request is \$287,255.95. The tax rate will be 0.75 per \$100 of assessed value. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2023-05 Municipal Annual Certification**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to approve Resolution 2023-05 for the Municipal Annual Certification. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Board Member Vacancy**

A name was presented by Chairman Moses to fill the vacancy position on the board and 3 “no” votes were given. If anyone is interested in filling this vacancy for the term ending in December 2026, let Chairman Moses know.

**Claims**

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Slocum to approve claims as they were presented. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from Fairmont’s representative from Nebraska Public Power District regarding rate changes for the 2024 calendar year. After reviewing the cost price comparison, it was agreed upon there was no reason to make any changes with the electric rates and they will remain the same.

**Old Business**

None

**Library Report-Wanda Marget**

Wanda shared the new electronic sign is working good. She is still working with the Fillmore County Foundation. Two new computers have been installed. Three applications have been received so far for the librarian position.

**Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon**

Marshal Salmon announced signs have been installed at the tree dump. A monthly report was shared with the board members. Some dialog ensued regarding a couple of properties and clarification was given on the clean-up process.

**Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch**

Shandra shared the two t-shirt designs for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senior Center. On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-4:00pm will be an ice cream social. She has applied for a grant through the Fillmore County Foundation. There was some discussion regarding part-time assistant position.

**Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil**

Utility Superintendent Scheil mentioned the drains around town have been cleaned. They are looking at cutting down three trees. The pool has been winterized. Conversation prevailed on the pool house upgrades before next summer

**Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim**

Dialog occurred regarding the drug testing policy and part-time employees.

**Payment Arrangement(s)**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to approve payment arrangements #373 and #374. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

At 9:00pm a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES,  
CHAIRPERSON

KAREN MARGHEIM,  
CLERK/TREASURER

**Claims**

4-Square Contracting, LLC	Re	\$1,275.00
AFLAC	Ins	\$1,147.74
Ameritas	RE	\$1,756.99
Aramark	Se	\$119.97
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	\$143.99
Bill Kelch	Misc	\$390.26
Black Hills	Ut	\$443.52
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	\$9,481.90

BOK Financial	Bond	\$15,766.25
Burton	Ex	\$85.00
Carquest	Su	\$52.34
Eakes	Fee	\$256.64
Eakes	Su	\$189.62
Farmer Coop	Fu	\$131.98
Farmer Coop-Fire Dept	Fu	\$364.32
Fillmore Central Schools	Fee	\$300.00
Fillmore Co Register of Deeds	Ex	\$16.00
First Concord Benefits	Fee	\$30.00
First Concord Benefits	Fee	\$578.94
First Concord Benefits	Be	\$2,123.06
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$2,042.04
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$831.16
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$186.84
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$56.40
GBE (Gabriel, Burger & Else)	Ex	\$4,750.00
Heartland Bank	Fee	\$20.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	\$31,350.00
Jerry Johnson	Misc	\$30.00
John Deere Financial	Ma	\$77.42
Johnson Service Company	Ma	\$9,939.65
Karen Margheim	Mi	\$33.41
Kopchos	Ex	\$25.00
Madison National Life	Ins	\$10.88
Mid-America Research Chem.	Su	\$3,775.75
Nebraska Dept of Revenue	Fee	\$25.00
Nebraska Municipal Clerk Inst	Ex	\$50.00
NE Public Health Env Lab	Ex	\$150.00
NE Public Power District	Ut	\$36,507.28
Neonlink	Ex	170.40
Nick's Farm Store	Re	\$606.02
One Call Concepts	Misc	\$13.94
Paycom	Fee	\$668.10
Payroll		\$22,462.50
Payroll Taxes		\$8,979.39
Perennial Public Power	Ut	\$2,144.62
Perennial Public Power	Ut	\$24.06
Pitney Bowes	Fee	\$254.55
Post Office	Su	\$201.00
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP	Ex	\$1,420.00
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	\$116.85
State of Nebr.	Tax	\$2,967.75
Stuart Bridges	Su	\$1,067.98
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	\$101.10
Thrasher Foundation Repair	Re	\$5,043.76
Vericheck	Fee	\$38.85
Viaero	Ut	\$365.61
Village	Ut	\$4,043.16
Wanda Marget	Misc	\$297.96

Windstream	Ut	\$189.40
Windstream	Ut	\$103.14
Windstream	Ut	\$498.76
Windstream	Ut	\$163.31
Kids Reference	Su	\$192.88
Micromarketing	Su	\$195.46
Better Homes & Gardens	Su	\$19.00
Grit	Su	\$19.95
Midwest Living	Su	\$15.00
Quick & Easy Quilts	Su	\$29.95
State of Nebr.	Ex	\$420.27
Data443 Centurion	Su	\$60.95
Computer Innovations	Ex	\$1,758.00
Windstream/Kinetic	Ut	\$94.51
Wal-Mart	Su	\$18.92
USPS	Su	\$22.86
Amazon	Su	\$447.30

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