

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA  
MONDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, April 10th, 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: Wanda Marget, Cortni Jo Sabin, Aaron Veleba, Amanda Schropfer, Georgia Schropfer, Mike Scheil, Tami Scheil, Eric Johnson, Tyler Salmon 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 Verhage seconded to approve the minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting. Voting: ayes-Slocum, Verhage and Moses, nays - 0, abstained - Ehmen and Jarosz. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for March 2023 was placed on file.

**Cruise Night**

Cortni Jo Sabin was present to ask the Village Board of Trustees for their approval to host a 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise Night. As of right now, the planned date for this event is July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. The Fire Department hosts a hot dog meal with drinks donated by sponsors, popcorn at the Senior Center plus other various activities planned. Free-will donation will be accepted at various locations with proceeds going to those entities. A motion was made by Verhage to allow the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise Night, seconded by Jarosz. Roll call vote – ayes-Verhage, Jarosz, Ehmen, and Slocum, nays-Moses. Motion passed.

**Cement work for sidewalk-Ken Eller**

Prior to the meeting, Ken Eller informed the Village the cement work for the sidewalk project in the 600 block of F Street will be starting soon.

**Electronic Sign & Quote**

Wanda Marget presented a quote from Love Signs, LLC for a new Watchfire Full Color LED Message Center. The size of the sign will be 36 x 126. It comes with a 5-year wireless data plan. This also includes the removal and discard of the existing message center sign. The price of the quote is \$15,781.00. The current sign is 20 years of age. A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Jarosz to approve the purchase of a new electronic sign. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Review Employee Applications for Pool Manager and Asst. Manager Positions (consider wage assessment)**

A review of applications for the 2023 Pool Season Manager and two Assistant Manager positions was conducted. A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Slocum to hire Wanda Moses as Pool Manager. Roll call vote – ayes-Jarosz, Slocum, Ehmen, and Verhage, nays-0, abstain-Moses. Motion passed. A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to hire Dave Seggerman and Kelly Nun as our Assistant Managers. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Part-time/Seasonal Maintenance Technician Position(s)**

Don Marget returned to work on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. After reviewing applications and discussion ensued, it was decided Rod Ehmen, Jack Slocum and Mike Scheil will interview applicants, check references and make a recommendation to the Board members at the next Regular Village Board Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned the position will include approximately 24 hours/week.

### **Safety Deposit Box-Signature Card (Chairman, Vice Chairman & Clerk)**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Jarosz to approve an updated signature card for the Safety Deposit Box at Heartland Bank to include Chairman Don Moses, Vice Chairman Rod Ehmen and Clerk Karen Margheim as appointed in December 2022. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

### **Verizon antennas on water tower**

Utility Superintendent Mike Scheil reported he has heard back from Maguire Iron and indicated they will look at the plans and let us know their recommendation.

### **Claims**

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

### **Correspondence**

A letter was received from Madison National Life. After completing a review, they plan to keep the Village's employee life insurance policy premiums the same through the plan year ending in 2025.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Library Report-Wanda Marget**

Wanda has been contacted by Governor Jim Pillen's office regarding the newly installed broadband fiber at the Fairmont Public Library. She explained Governor Pillen has desire to expand broadband. A date is unknown at this time, but the Governor plans to visit the library regarding this completed project and to congratulate us. Wanda indicated she has more meetings she will be attending, so the travel reimbursement requests will increase.

At 7:40pm a motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Slocum to enter into executive session regarding personnel issues. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. At 8:34pm a motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Jarosz to exit executive session. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

### **Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon**

Tyler gave an update on the cost of more cameras. A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Slocum to approve the purchase. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. There was a new phone purchased for the ambulance with service provided through Viaero with a monthly service fee of \$30/month.

### **Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil**

Mike has received estimates for cement renovations at the swimming pool was received from Steve with Ackland Construction and Aldo with Cavapa Construction. Steve's estimate was \$21,952.00 using large equipment to complete the project. Aldo's estimate was \$30,000-\$32,000 completing more of the work by hand. Chairman Moses stated the State of Nebraska said if the project is approved now we can wait until fall to complete it. Moses also mentioned needing to paint yellow on the low spots due to them being a tripping hazard. It was suggested to see if the estimates can be locked in until fall. If we completed the baby pool project now, the larger project can wait until fall. 34 Electric informed Mike our LED lights should come in mid-April. Then they will start replacing the lights along 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. The road project by Casey's is moving along well.

### **Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch**

Shandra updated the board on recent events. Dancing with the Decades had a good response. This session there was some dance lessons, next time they might include trivia. People came from surrounding towns as well as Fairmont. The painting stones project had a good turnout. There is still discussion among the Aging Services Board to rename the facility and appear to be more inclusive of individuals spanning more age groups. Various possible organized activities have been discussed including scrapbooking and a pitch tournament. Turn out for

the Open House was good. A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Verhage to change wording in the Aging Services Bylaws for the meeting date to the Thursday before the Village Board meeting at 7:00pm instead of the second Monday of the month. Roll call vote - 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

#### **Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim**

The clerk reviewed our current TIF projects. Information was shared regarding some items we will want to discuss and change with the Village Fire Department merging with Fairmont Rural Fire District.

#### **Payment Arrangement(s)**

After reviewing Payment Arrangement #364 and #365, a motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Slocum to approve the arrangements. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

#### **Adjournment**

At 9:11pm a motion was made by Ehmen, 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, May 8th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES,  
CHAIRPERSON

KAREN MARGHEIM,  
CLERK/TREASURER

#### **Claims**

AFLAC	Ins	\$	1,336.38
Ameritas	RE	\$	2,130.77
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Ex	\$	396.00
Bankcard/CMS	Ex	\$	149.99
Black Hills	Ut	\$	2,403.95
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	\$	9,769.45
Burton	Ex	\$	85.00
Cody Edwards	Mi	\$	126.55
Eakes	Ex	\$	4.60
Eakes	Ex	\$	247.57
EMC Insurance	Ins	\$	6,949.00
Farmer Coop	Fu	\$	173.24
Farmer Coop-Fire Dept	Fu	\$	223.36
First Concord Benefits	Be	\$	578.94
First Concord Benefits	Be	\$	24.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$	1,838.03
First National Bank of Omaha	Fu	\$	434.58
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$	172.40
First National Bank of Omaha	Ex	\$	346.73
First National Bank of Omaha	Ex	\$	110.80
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$	-
Heartland Bank	Loan	\$	16,395.48
Heartland Bank	Ex	\$	20.00
Holiday Inn-Kearney	Ex	\$	229.90
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Cl	\$	19,250.00
Karen Margheim	Ex	\$	118.68
Kopchos	Ex	\$	25.00

Madison National Life	Ins	\$	37.13
Midwest Laboratories, Inc	Ex	\$	25.55
Midwest Radar & Equip.	Ma	\$	40.00
Mike Scheil	Ex	\$	126.55
Nebraska Public Power Dist	Ut	\$	22,844.29
Nebraska Public Health Lab	Ex	\$	15.00
Neonlink	Ex	\$	83.40
NMPP/MEAN	Misc	\$	700.88
One Call Concepts	Ex	\$	4.38
Paycom	Fee	\$	528.08
Payroll		\$	15,778.37
Payroll Taxes		\$	5,343.80
Perennial Public Power Dist	Ut	\$	24.06
Perennial Public Power Dist	Ut	\$	1,997.04
Post Office	Su	\$	201.00
Servi-Tech, Inc	Ex	\$	188.00
Shandra Reinsch	Fu	\$	75.19
State of Nebr.	Tax	\$	2,188.80
The Nebraska Signal	Ex	\$	748.38
Vericheck	Ex	\$	34.15
Viaero	Ut	\$	363.81
Victoria Verhage	Mi	\$	33.41
Village	Ut	\$	3,378.88
Windstream	Ut	\$	118.04
Windstream	Ut	\$	87.25
Windstream	Ut	\$	424.01
Windstream	Ut	\$	161.86
Eakes	Su	\$	928.53
Demco	Su	\$	205.79
Brodart	Su	\$	191.39
SELS Training	Ex	\$	25.00
Penworthy	Su	\$	472.75
Micromarketing	Su	\$	244.94
Family Tree	Su	\$	39.96
Bi Versal Services	Ma	\$	40.00
Windstream	Ut	\$	92.45
Amazon	Su	\$	57.33
Amazon	Su	\$	685.31

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