

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

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Tuesday, October 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. Vice Chairperson Rod Ehmen called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Rod Ehmen, Victoria Verhage and Jack Slocum. Absent-Don Moses. Visitors to the meeting were: Shaundee Graham, Tyler Samon, Barb Smith, Wanda Marget, Chris Koch, Mike Scheil, Matt Hafer, Bill Schropfer, Amanda Schropfer, Tyler Keenan, Shandra Reinsch, Georgia Schropfer and Colton Jacobsen. Vice Chairperson 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. Slocum moved and Verhage seconded to approve the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting. Voting: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for September 2023 was placed on file.

**Windstream Pole Use Agreement**

Chris Koch and Utility Superintendent Mike Scheil will review desired poles to be purchased by Windstream in the north part of town and a negotiated price(s) will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Review & consider approval for the Water Treatment Plant Plans, Specifications & Bid Documents-JEO Con.**

A motion to approve water treatment plant project, authorize JEO to submit specifications for permitting, and authorize the clerk to set advertising and bid dates pending NDEE approval was made by Slocum, seconded by Ehmen. Roll call vote-Ayes: Slocum, Ehmen and Verhage; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

**Streets**

Barb Smith was present to share some concerns regarding the condition of some streets.

**Zoning Hearing**

At 7:17pm, a motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Verhage to open the Zoning Hearing. Roll call vote-Ayes: Slocum, Verhage & Ehmen; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

After all comments were made at 7:27pm, a motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Ehmen to close the Zoning Hearing. Roll call vote-Ayes: Slocum, Ehmen & Verhage; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

**Ordinance #23-554 Changes to the Zoning District Boundary**

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Verhage to waive the 3 readings requirement on 3 separate days for Ordinance #23-554 Changes to the Zoning District Boundary. Roll call vote: Ayes: Slocum, Verhage, Ehmen; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Slocum to approve Ordinance #23-554 Changes to the Zoning District Boundary. Roll call vote – Ayes: Ehmen, Slocum, Verhage; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

**Resolution #2023-06 Zoning Updates**

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Verhage to approve Resolution #2023-06 for Zoning Updates. Roll call vote: Ayes: Slocum, Verhage and Ehmen; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

**Roadway Lighting Agreement-Road F and State Hwy 81 Intersection**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to approve the agreement with the State of Nebraska for additional of lighting at the Road F and State Hwy. 81 intersection. Construction cost of the project is \$55,600. Split 50% by each party, the Village agrees to pay \$27,800. The Village will be responsible for supplying electrical energy and maintenance for said lighting. Roll call vote: Ayes: Verhage, Slocum and Ehmen; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

### **Board Vacancy**

Due to Chairman Moses being absent at this meeting a motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Verhage to table this agenda item until the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: Slocum, Verhage and Ehmen; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

### **Claims**

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to approve claims as they were presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Verhage, Slocum and Ehmen; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

### **Correspondence**

A letter was received from Fairmont Housing Authority regarding the balance of their escrow savings account for a future paving project.

### **Old Business**

None

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

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to approve hiring Stephanie Chambers as the new librarian for a wage of \$19.00/hour. Roll call vote: Ayes: Verhage, Ehmen and Slocum; Nays: None; Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

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

Board members reviewed the Marshal's report. Discussion ensued on nuisance properties.

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

The Senior Center received a grant from the Fillmore County Foundation. This Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-4:00pm will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with desserts and an ice cream social at the Senior Center. T-shirts will be available to purchase commemorating the event.

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

Board members reviewed the Utility Superintendent's report. It was shared the women's public bathroom by the pool was destroyed with several items needing to be replaced. The lift station overflowed and a pressure sensor and a secondary sensor were both replaced. Tree removal estimates were received for three trees at the pool park. The estimates were from: Dylan Axline-\$9,000; Jake Herman-\$8,100 and Bob Robinson-\$5,000. The decision to go with Bob Robinson was made due to the ability to remove stumps also. Some new concrete was poured at the pool.

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

The clerk has the Village Board's approval to attend a conference put on by the Nebraska Community Foundation in Kearney on November 9<sup>th</sup>, for the registration cost of \$125/person. Drug testing with the part-time employees was discussed.

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

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to approve payment arrangements #375, #376, #377 and #378. Roll call vote: Ayes: Verhage, Ehmen and Slocum. Nays: None. Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:37pm a motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: Verhage, Slocum and Ehmen. Nays: None. Absent: Moses. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,  
ACTING CHAIRPERSON

KAREN MARGHEIM,  
CLERK/TREASURER

**Claims**

Action Auto Supply	Su	95.39
Aflac	Ins	765.16
Ameritas	Be	2,150.29
Angle, Murphy & Campbell	Fee	407.00
Bankcard	Fee	149.99
Black Hills Energy	Ut	449.27
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	9,481.90
Burton Enterprises	Ex	85.00
Carquest	Su	202.39
CPI	TIF	119,159.37
Dennis Melby Trust	Misc	19.06
Dutton-Lainson Company	Su	1,728.53
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	175.65
Eakes Office Products, Inc	Fee	256.64
Electric Pump	Re	1,234.38
EMC Insurance	Ins	196.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	466.16
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept.	Fu	182.94
FES	Ex	2,355.80
First Concord Benefits	Be	529.55
First Concord Benefits	Fee	578.94
First Concord Benefits	Fee	36.00
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	2,410.82
First National Bank-Omaha	Fu	620.75
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	84.62
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	645.52
Fyr-Tek	Su	2,185.60
Geneva Building Supply	Su	48.30
Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc.	Re	970.92
Greg's Market	Su	473.61
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
Integrated Security Solutions	Maint	156.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	58,190.00
Kopchos	Ex	25.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Pu	1,200.15
Linda Korbelik	Misc	16.78
Madison National Life	Ins	30.05
Mary Seggerman	Misc	17.98
Nebraska Public Power Dist.	Ut	33,451.94
Nebraska Municipal Clerk's Assn.	Dues	50.00
Nebraska Public Health Envir. Lab	Ex	532.00
Neonlink	Ex	249.40
Nick's Farm Store	Re	431.52
One Call Concepts	Misc	2.78
Paycom	Fee	559.99
Payroll		19,676.74
Payroll Taxes		6,526.03
Perennial Public Power	Ut	2,146.19
Post Office	Ex	201.00
Power Manager	Ma	6,747.99
Presto-X	Ma	82.62
Sargent Drilling	Re	1,237.33
Shandra Reinsch	Mi	39.69

State of Nebraska	Tax	2,579.69
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	373.87
Vericheck	Ex	39.15
Viaero Wireless	Ut	368.22
Village	Ut	3,615.75
Wanda Marget	Be	267.96
Weaver Repair, Inc.	Eq	10,000.00
William Schropfer	TIF	2,115.27
Windstream	Ut	170.59
Windstream	Ut	102.11
Windstream	Ut	472.82
Windstream	Ut	162.64
Micromarketing	Su	257.17
State of Nebraska	Ex	66.91
Bi Versal Services, LLC	Ma	40.00
The Nebraska Signal	Ex	54.00
Family Tree Magazine	Su	29.99
JLG	Exp	1,984.52
Windstream	Ut	94.51
Amazon	Su	286.38

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