

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2023**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, November 13th, 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. Chairman Don Moses called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Don Moses, Rod Ehmen, Victoria Verhage and Jack Slocum. Visitors to the meeting were: Tyler Salmon, David Tuberville, Matt Hafer, Wanda Marget, Georgia Schropfer, Shandra Reinsch, Mike Scheil and Stephanie Chambers. Chairman 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. Verhage moved and Ehmen seconded to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2023 Regular Meeting and November 2nd, 2023 Special Meeting. Voting: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for October 2023 was placed on file.

Property Purchase-Tuberville

David Tuberville was present to discuss his recently purchased property in the block of 100 A Street. There was discussion on the possibility of annexing the property into the city limits.

Windstream Pole Agreement

The offer of \$50/pole for 32 poles for the total purchase price of \$1,600 came from Windstream to for poles on the north part of town. The Village Board of Trustees chose to counter-offer \$75/pole for 32 poles for a total price of \$2,400. The offer will be given to Chris Koch (Windstream) to further be presented to his supervisors for their approval.

Public Hearing-Real Estate Acquisition

A motion by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to open the public hearing at 7:18pm for the discussion on real estate acquisition for the water treatment plant project. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. After some dialog, a motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Verhage to close the public hearing at 7:19pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ordinance #23-555 Real Estate Acquisition

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Slocum to waive the 3 readings requirement for Ordinance #23-555 for Real Estate Acquisition. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Ehmen to approve Ordinance #23-555 for Real Estate Acquisition of a permanent easement for the purpose of installation, maintenance and repair of a water main from the owner, Deborah Ann Verhage, by the Village of Fairmont, and to establish the effective date for this ordinance. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-07 Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent 2023

A motion was made by Verhage, seconded by Slocum to approve Resolution 2023-07 certifying Steve A. Parr was the City Street Superintendent for 2023 calendar year for the Village of Fairmont. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Board Vacancy

A vote was taken for the vacancy position on the Village Board of Trustees. Amanda Schropfer received 4 “no” votes and Matt Hafer received 4 “yes” votes. A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Slocum to approve Matt Hafer's position on the Village Board of Trustees. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Water Needs Survey

There was some discussion on the water needs survey regarding the water treatment plant project and improvement with water pressure for some of the residential water lines.

Change Order #3-Casey's Paving Project

A motion was made Slocum, seconded Verhage to accept Change Order #3 for the Casey's Paving Project to allow for an increase in the amount of \$29,287.50 for the purchase and installation of the dowel baskets not originally included in the project cost. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Pay Application #4-Van Kirk Bros (Casey's Paving Project)-\$87,153.78

A motion was made by Moses, seconded by Verhage to approve the final pay application for the Casey's paving project in the amount of \$87,153.78. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Claims

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

Correspondence

A couple of emails had been received and provided to the Board of Trustees in their packet before the meeting from Nebraska Public Power District regarding a pilot program. A notice of conditional renewal regarding a small change was received from EMC Insurance Company and included in the packets.

Old Business

None

Library Report-Stephanie Chambers

Wanda Marget shared the video recording at the library with Governor Pillen for our fiber installation is on the Village's website. The video is approximately 15 minutes. A discussion was started regarding the employee handbook's policy on vacation and sick time. A resolution with proposed changes will be reviewed at the December board meeting.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Marshal Salmon shared his monthly report. There was a discussion regarding nuisance properties and a search for a certified building inspector.

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

Shandra Reinsch presented her financial report to the board and shared some ideas on future events.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Utility Superintendent Scheil gave his monthly report. The trees marked to come down at the park have been cut down. The metal detector went out and a new one will cost around \$1,200. The electrical wire crimper needs to be replaced. This small tool will cost between \$2,000-\$3,500. Mike will do some research to find an affordable replacement.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

Clerk Karen Margheim shared some of the information gained from the Nebraska Community Foundation's Annual Celebration and Training she attended with Rhonda Veleba, Fairmont Community Club member. The information included the benefits of a town to have a Community Foundation partnership with the Nebraska Community Foundation along with trends in the housing market.

Payment Arrangement(s) #379, #380, #381, #382 & #383

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Ehmen to approve payment arrangements #379, #380, #381, #382 and #383. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Verhage to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Roll call vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

DONALD MOSES,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Aflac	Ins	765.16
Ameritas	Be	3,387.44
Aramark	Ma	159.96
Bankcard/CMS	Ex	143.99
Black Hills Energy	Ut	594.95
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	9,481.90
Bob Robinson	Ma	5,000.00
Burton Enterprises	Ex	85.00
Carquest	Su	51.34
Cavapa Construction	Re	32,200.00
Eakes Office Supplies	Su	48.46
Eakes Office Supplies	Fee	256.64
EMC Insurance	Ins	170.59
Farmers Coop	Fu	488.59
Farmers Coop-Fire Dept	Fu	76.68
Fillmore County Hospital	Misc	280.00
Fillmore County Treasurer	Tax	592.90
First Concord Benefits	Be	578.94
First Concord Benefits	Be	5,069.39
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	3,104.00
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	1,624.02
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	248.41
First National Bank-Omaha	Fu	149.54
First National Bank-Omaha	Su	621.19
FYR-TEK	Su	7,300.50
Geneva Welding & Supply	Su	29.00
Hawkins Water Treatment	Su	587.83
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	20,550.00
Karen Margheim	Fu	175.93
Kelch Plumbing-Heating	Su	73.83
Kopchos	Ex	25.00
Lincoln Winwater Works	Su	99.85
Madison National Life	Ins	49.22
Mid-America Research Chemical	Su	617.10
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Ex	105.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Ex	140.00
Modern Marketing	Su	467.00
Municipal Supply, Inc.	Su	626.98
Nationwide Insurance	Ins	100.00
NE Department of Envir. & Energy	Ex	115.00
NE Public Power District	Ut	21,436.90
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Ex	34.00
NeonLink	Ex	84.20
One Call Concepts	Ex	6.70
Paycom	Fee	776.75
Payroll		29,545.77
Payroll Taxes		9,834.11
Perennial Public Power District	Ut	2,146.19
Post Office	Su	201.00
Rembolt Ludtke LLP	Ex	2,000.00
Sargent Drilling	Re	412.50
Schmader Electric	Ma	3,633.00
Shandra Reinsch	Fu	48.99

State of Nebraska	Tax	1,992.68
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	143.06
Van Kirk Brothers Contracting	CI	87,153.78
Vericheck	Fee	35.80
Viaero	Ut	368.22
Village	Ut	3,188.89
Wanda Marget	Be	267.96
Windstream	Ut	172.42
Windstream	Ut	105.93
Windstream	Ut	492.76
Windstream	Ut	166.00
Eakes	Su	711.97
Computer Innovations	Su	500.00
Micromarketing	Su	118.89
Good Housekeeping	Su	24.97
Garden Gate	Su	32.00
Consumer Reports	Su	33.76
Windstream/Kinetic	Ut	93.70
Amazon	Su	513.87

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