

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2022**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, November 14th, 2022 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, Dave Seggerman, Tricia Galusha-Chapman, Austin Jarosz and Jack Slocum. Absent-none. Visitors to the meeting were: Tyler Keenan, Mike Schultes, Mike Scheil, Mary Seggerman, Marilyn Rehm, Myron Grant 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. Seggerman moved and Chapman seconded to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2022 Regular Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes and 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for November 2022 was placed on file.

Resolution 2022-11 Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent 2022

A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Slocum to pass Resolution 2022-11 the Certification of Steve Parr, JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the City Street Superintendent for 2022. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-12 Fee Schedule

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Jarosz to approve Resolution 2022-12 Fee Schedule. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ordinance #22-551 USDA Loan Closure for WWTP project

Ordinance #22-551 USDA Loan Closure for WWTP project was introduced by Trustee Seggerman. Seggerman made a motion, seconded by Moses to waive the three reading requirements. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Jarosz, to approve the USDA loan closure in the amount of \$142,000 with Ordinance #22-551 for the purpose of paying for the sewer rehabilitation project. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Change Order #2-WWTP Lagoon Project

Tyler Keenan explained the Change Order #2 for the Lagoon Rehab Project to extend the substantial completion date until December 5, 2022 with the final payment date as December 20, 2022. The project is substantially completed, there are a few punch list items to finish. A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Seggerman to approve Change Order #2 for the Lagoon Project. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Pay Application #2-WWTP Lagoon Project

Pay Application #2 for the Lagoon Project was submitted in the amount of \$40,831.41. This is the final amount due for the project. A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Chapman to pay \$40,831.41 due on Pay Application #2 once the punch list items have been completed. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Agreement for Water Treatment Project

Mike Schultes explained the timeline for this project. It will take 9-12 months to complete the design process. A map was shared with possible locations for the water treatment facility which will be a 1,000-1,200 sq. ft. building. It will need to be close to the wells. A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Moses to approve the Agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for the water treatment project. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Claims

A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Seggerman to approve the claims as they were presented. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

Chairman Moses announced there would be a brief recess from 7:39pm-7:44pm.

Oath of Office by New Village Board Members

Recently elected Board Members Victoria L. Verhage and Rodney G. Ehmen read the Oath of Office.

Roll call-Moses, Verhage, Ehmen, Jarosz and Slocum. Absent: None

Reorganization of the Village Board of Trustees

Slocum moved and Jarosz seconded the nomination of Moses for Chairperson of the Board. Roll call vote-4 ayes, 0 nays. Abstain: Moses. Motion passed.

Slocum moved and Moses seconded the nomination of Ehmen as Acting Chairperson. Roll call vote-4 ayes, 0 nays. Abstain: Ehmen. Motion passed.

Chairman Moses made the following appointments within the board:

Police-Trustee Verhage

Maintenance Department-Streets, Alleys & Signs-Trustee Slocum and Trustee Ehmen

Village Hall and Utilities (electric, water & sewer)-Chairman Moses

Parks-Trustee Jarosz

Board of Health-Rescue Captain Anna Yates, Marshal Salmon and Chairman Moses

Chairman Moses nominated the following appointive employees for the Village:

Village Attorney-Charles Campbell, York, NE

Village Engineers-JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Wahoo, NE

Village Street Engineer-Steven A. Parr from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Wahoo, NE

Utility Superintendent-Mike Scheil

Clerk/Treasurer-Karen Margheim

Village Marshal-Tyler Salmon

Moses moved and Verhage seconded to accept and approve Chairman Moses' appointments. Roll call vote-5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

2023 Village Engineer Appointment-JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Verhage to appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Village Engineer for 2023. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

2023 Village Street Superintendent Appointment-Steven A. Parr, JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

A motion was made by Slocum, seconded by Jarosz to appoint Steven A. Parr with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Street Superintendent for 2023. Roll call vote- 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Sidewalk & crossing over railroad

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Company needs to make repairs in the area of the sidewalk crossing by 8th Street and C Street. A motion was made by Ehmen, seconded by Jarosz to eliminate the sidewalk crossing at this location. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Correspondence

A memo was received from NMPP Energy regarding an agreement for Electric Distribution Services (EDS). Clerk Margheim explained the changes to the service we receive regarding the monitoring of the condition of our electrical lines. The change will not affect Fairmont, but the agreement between NMPP (Nebraska Municipal Power Pool) Energy and MEAN (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska).

Aging Services-Shandra Reinsch

Aging Services Director Reinsch stated the previously schedule meeting for last Thursday had to be postponed due to the weather. Cavapa Construction will be installing the trim around the door and a latch on the office door. Stutzman carpet will be installing carpet squares in January. Carts were ordered for the ease of work. Compliments have been received on the updates after some of the recent remodeling.

Library Report-Wanda Marget

Librarian Marget said the new hours have been well-received. The outside marquee sign has been having some issues and a company to make repairs will be researched. The question was asked of the board if another part-time person may be hired to assist with duties. The board gave the authorization to start the process.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Marshal Salmon was absent, but e-mailed his monthly report to the Board members prior to the meeting.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

Utility Superintendent Scheil stated there was a water main break on Saturday. The lagoon is up and running. They are running water until it fills up to the overflow. Sargent estimated the well to pump around 300 gallons a minute, right now it is pumping around 260 gallons. Two feet of water must be kept in all of the lagoons. There was a suggestion to see if Sargent would happen to an indicator for when the water level reaches the overflow point. The salt spreader is going on the dump truck and more salt has been ordered. A conversation occurred regarding the concrete work that will need to be done at the swimming pool.

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

Clerk Margheim updated the board on the status of our audit from the fiscal year 2021-2022. The clerk participated in a webinar regarding ARPA fund projects. The board authorized \$150.00 Christmas bonuses again this year to full-time and part-time employees.

Payment Arrangement(s)

No arrangements were submitted for past due accounts.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jarosz, seconded by Ehmen to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Roll call vote – 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

DONALD MOSES,
CHAIRPERSON

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

AFLAC	Ins	890.92
Action Auto Supply	Su	227.99
Ameritas	Re	2,129.05
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	211.94
Black Hills	Ut	1,586.35
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	8,457.63
Burton	Ex	85.00
Eakes	Ex	247.57
Eakes	Su	210.13
Farmer Coop	Fu	496.01
First Concord Benefits	Ex	868.41
First Concord Benefits	Fee	24.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	3,316.11
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	717.05
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	\$17.98
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	27.70
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	51.90
GBE (Gabriel, Burger & Else)	Ex	6,000.00
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
JEO Consulting Group	Ex	3,195.00
Kopchos	Ex	25.00
Madison National Life	Ins	37.13
Maguire Iron Inc	Ma	27,434.00
Mid-State Engineering	Ex	4,125.00
Mobile Tech Inc.	Ma	3,453.66
NE Dept of Envir. Quality	Lo	15,241.56
NE Public Health Env Lab	Fee	15.00
NEON Link	Ex	79.80
One Call Concepts	Ex	4.38
Paycom	Fee	476.59
Payroll		16,815.36
Payroll Taxes		5,687.29
Perennial Public Power	Ut	12..03
Petty Cash	Ex	29.50
Pitney Bowes	Le	135.21
Post Office	Po	201.00
Presto-X	Ma	75.11
Schmader Electric	Re	845.00
Shandra Reinsch	Re	125.88
State of Nebr.	Tax	2,052.48
Taylor Lawn Sprinklers	Ex	7,516.00
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	44.18
Van Kirk Brothers Cont.	Ex	40,831.41
Verichack	Fee	37.95

Verizon	Ut	36.52
Viaero	Ut	378.74
Village	Ut	3,211.47
Voss Plumbing, Inc.	Ex	300.00
Windstream	Ut	117.24
Windstream	Ut	87.65
Windstream	Ut	425.96
Windstream	Ut	160.56
York Ace Hardware	Su	404.68

