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Village of Fairmont

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Village of Fairmont,

First and foremost, I want to take a moment to thank the citizens of this Village for accepting me into this Clerk/Treasurer position. I have greatly enjoyed many visits and conversations with individual citizens in the last few months that I've been here and am beyond proud to serve this community in the capacity that you have allowed.

With all of that said, as many of you are likely aware, there is an *incredible* amount of moving pieces at all times within this position. Following some conversations that took place at the July 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, it has been determined that the best course of action to ensure a more solid foundation for our offices would be to significantly limit the hours Village Hall is open to the public for a temporary period. The goals that are driving this ideology include 1) implementing some more efficient practices within our software systems, 2) allowing time for more intensive one-on-one trainings such as dissecting the financials with our accounting firm now that we are in budget season, 3) allowing time to begin the process of digitizing our records systems so we can more easily and efficiently locate necessary documents, 4) catching up the back-log of various reports, and 5) performing tasks that build confidence in ensuring an overall sense of understanding and transparency regarding all affairs concerning the Village of Fairmont for all citizens, board members, and employees.

We understand the disruption that this may cause for some, and want to assure everyone that this is a very temporary situation that we hope will yield in some very positive, efficient, and impactful changes for all going forward. An updated list of scheduled open hours for Village Hall can be found on our website at www.fairmont-nebraska.org. We will be regularly responding to emails and will return phone calls for messages left on the voicemail as promptly as time allows with the ultimate goal of being "caught up" and ready to move forward with some other exciting changes by the end of August 2021. More details for "who to call" in the event of emergent needs during this time and other helpful info have been listed on our website as well.

We appreciate your patience and thank each and every one of you for what you do in keeping this Village the place that we all call "home."

It Takes A Village,

Courtney Salmon
Clerk/Treasurer