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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular January 10, 2023

Notice of said meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Trustees and were also posted in three public places within the Village of Farnam. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

This is an open meeting of Farnam Village Board. The Village of Farnam abides by the Open Meetings Act in the Conducting of Business. The Village Board may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

Chairman Mike Russman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Trustees answering roll call were Mike Russman, Tracy Adkisson, Darla Lungrin, Dan Widick and Gary Hartley.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the agenda for the Meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

The floor was opened for public comment, none offered.

Sheriff Montgomery and Officer Kostrunek were on hand to answer questions as they relate to the Dawson County Sheriff's report. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the Sheriff's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

The Fee Schedule was reviewed and updated. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to adopt Resolution 2023-1 outlining the Fee Schedule for the calendar year 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

After discussion with members of the Village Tree Board, a member of the State Forest Service will be invited to the January 24, 2023 Planning Meeting to review and discuss Village Tree Ordinances.

More research will be done on the cost and benefits of developing a ten-year Village Comprehensive Plan.

Properties with open Nuisance Abatement resolutions were discussed. 611 Antelope, 504 & 516 Lincoln, 321 Lincoln, 422 Lincoln, 321 Frontier, 109 Railroad, 401 Lincoln and 417 Buffalo are still not compliant with Village Nuisance Abatement Ordinances.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve Resolution 2023-07 revoking Resolution 2021-02 which declared 321 Buffalo St a nuisance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve Resolution 2023-06 revoking Resolution 2021-03 which declared 421 Carson St a nuisance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Hartley, Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.



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Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Hartley, to approve Resolution 2023-05 revoking Resolution 2021-07 which declared the property legally described as Lots 1 through 6, Block 8, First Addition to the Village of Farnam, Dawson County, Nebraska a nuisance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Hartley, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve Resolution 2023-04 revoking Resolution 2021-08 which declared 504 Main St a nuisance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to go into recess at 8:32 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, called the Annexation Hearing to Order at 8:32 p.m. and read the Annexation Resolution pertaining to the Country Partners Bin Annexation in its entirety. The floor was opened to public comment which included questions about water and sewer infrastructure to the annexed property and zoning considerations for the annexed property.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to accept the first reading of the Annexation Ordinance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Abstain – Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to adjourn the Annexation Hearing and return to the Regular meeting agenda at 8:47 p.m. Roll vote showed -Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Russman; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, read the proposed Storage Container Ordinance in its entirety. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to accept the first reading of the proposed Storage Container Ordinance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to suspend the second and third readings of the proposed Storage Container Ordinance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Hartley, to adopt Zoning Ordinance 2023-01, Storage Container Ordinance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reported that the special assessments approved at the December 13, 2022 meeting have been recorded with the Register of Deeds.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Adkisson, to accept the legal report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Hartley, Adkisson; Absent: Russman; four approved, motion carried.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that all water well samples have been returned and approved, with the exception of a sample that was sent to a lab in California and subsequently lost. The State



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of Nebraska will be sending a packaging label to redo this sample with no consequence to the Village. A copy of the annual nitrate report was provided to a resident at their request.

The sewer plant is functioning well.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, recommends joining legal action as recommended by the National Rural Water Association and Nebraska Rural Water Association to address the possibility of PFAS contamination in the future. At this time, PFAS is not used in our area and is not a threat to our water system.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that two meters were frozen and damaged in the recent cold weather.

Motion moved by Hartley, second by Lungrin, to approve the Village Utility Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Hartley, Widick, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that most of the water meters in the Village have been replaced, with the exception of two 2" meters which have been backordered. Outlay request #2 is being processed for approval in the Village before sending to the SRF for reimbursement. Training has started on the new Neptune system that will be used to read and analyze information received from the new meters.

There is no update on the Radar Speed Signs.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the test group of ACT transfer payments was completed without incident and this program is ready to be presented to Residents as a payment option for their utility bill.

A Conditional Use Permit was presented for consideration. Changes were recommended and this will be revisited at the Planning meeting.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised the board that Alan Ober had turned in his resignation as Zoning Administrator. Options to replace the Zoning Administrator were discussed.

A memorial bench was requested for the park. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, is in contact with the family regarding this.

Invoices were received from OmniTrax regarding the sewer lines running under the railroad. No action was taken at this time.

A representative from USDA-RD will be available on January 26, 2023 at 7:00 for a presentation about grants and loans for low-income owner-occupied housing at the Senior Center. Work is also beginning on grant research into helping residents make ADA renovations to their homes.

No bids have been received for the street repair projects for 2023.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the Village Clerk report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.



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Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Hartley, to approve the bills as presented, with the addition of the Black Hills Energy bill. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Russman; five approved, motion carried. Bills are as follows: Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Insurance) \$1375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Solid Waste Collection) \$1,968.85, One Call Concepts (Digger’s Hotline) \$0.00, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$242.67, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal) \$751.32, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$69.54, American Ag Lab (Water Test) \$19.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$386.13, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$386.13, Intuit (Payroll Processing) \$520.00, Dearborn National (Firemen’s Insurance) \$20.64, DPPD (Electricity) \$2,103.73, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$1624.39, Payroll \$3429.61, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, Dawson County Court (Garnishment) \$198.63, Myer’s Construction (Meter Project) \$38,750.53, US Treasury Q4 Withholding, \$2,247.60, US Treasury (Federal Unemployment) \$113.70, Schaben Sanitation (Roll Off) \$443.12, Aupperle Plumbing (Jet Mains) \$734.00, Jones Plumbing (Utility Sink) \$553.26, Miller & Assoc. (Plat Maps) \$2,163.25, Diggler’s Lawn Care (Library Lawn) \$60.00, Rickey’s Removal (Nuisance Abatement) \$900.00, Johnson Service Company (Lift Station Cleaning) \$700.00, Eustis Plumbing and Underground (Curb Stop Repairs) \$1,959.09, NE Dept of Rev. (Q4 Withholding) \$204.39, Kent Larson (Deposit Return) \$25.00, Dawson County Treasurer (Property Tax 504 Main) \$455.54..

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the meeting minutes from December 13, 2022. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the Reorganizational meeting minutes from December 27, 2022. Roll vote showed – Yes: Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick; Absent: Russman; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Adkisson, to approve the Planning meeting minutes from December 27, 2022. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Hartley; Absent: Russman; four approved, motion carried.

The next Planning Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised that she will be at Clerk School during the week of the Regular March meeting.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Hartley, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried.