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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting, January 9, 2024

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 7:03 p.m.

Trustees answering roll call were Gary Hartley, Darla Lungrin, Dan Widick, Tracy Adkisson, and Mike Russman. Gary Hartley exited the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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

Deputy Mins was available to answer questions about the Dawson County Sheriff's Office Report. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Hartley, to approve the DCSO report. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; five approved, motion carried.

No public comment was heard.

Molly Aden of the Park Committee presented an overview of the goals and projects the Committee would like to achieve. No action was taken at this time.

LARM insurance has approved the bid of \$6,174.00 to repair the doors to the restrooms and storage area of the park pavilion. A sheriff's report will need to be generated to include the playground tunnel repairs in the claim.

Necessary maintenance in the restroom includes painting, and fixing the urinal outlet. The large storage cabinet in the library needs to be moved or gotten rid of as it blocks access to the Farnam Room.

Discussion was held about the billing process for water and sewer.

Tom Beytien reported that Mike Downey, Rod Erfman, and Gerald Hannon, as well as Trustee Widick, will be collaborating with him to work on introducing IMPC policies. The group has been working with Dave Riedemann and West Central Development District with implementation and remediation options for residents. No action was taken at this time.

Attorney Brennon Malcom reported on open Nuisance Abatement cases. Abatement work will take place in the spring as necessary on properties. Two properties that have special assessments have tax sale certificates for sale. Motion moved by Adkisson to purchase the tax sale certificates for both properties. The motion died.



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for lack of a second. The rate for legal services will increase from \$90 per hour to \$110 per hour. Motion moved by Lungrin to approve the rate change.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, presented a quote for 10 new street signs to replace damaged or missing signs in the Village. The signs will be ordered and installed when they are received.

A resident reported that compared to neighboring communities, the streets in Farnam we well cleared and in better shape than the communities they had been in earlier that day.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the 2024 Fee Schedule as presented. Roll vote showed – Yes: Unanimous; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Unanimous; Abstain: Adkisson; Absent: Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the claims. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Abstain: Lungrin; Absent: Hartley; three approved, motion carried. Claims included: Sinking Fund Transfer (\$1,000.00), Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Insurance Stipend) \$1,375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Solid Waste Disposal) \$2,125.21, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$5.98, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$--, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal and Nuisance Abatement Fees) \$142.68, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$124.18, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$21.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$154.49, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$519.78, Dearborn Insurance (Firemen's Insurance) \$106.64, Dawson Public Power District (Electricity) \$1,824.15, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$224.68, Payroll \$3,651.39, Charley Johnson (LASWA Attendance) \$100.00, John Deere Financial (Tractor Parts) \$7.10, Country Partners (Tractor Fuel) \$236.31, Dana F. Cole (Budget Work) \$2,657.20, Dana F. Cole (Audit Waiver) \$1,500.00, NE Dept of Revenue (State Withholding) \$195.82, IRS (Federal Withholding) \$2,123.20, IRS (Federal Unemployment) \$96.51.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.