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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting November 7, 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 7:29 p.m.

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

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

Deputy Area was available to answer questions regarding the Dawson County Sheriff's Report. Motion made by Widick, second by Adkisson, to accept the DCSO. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Lungrin, Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

No public comment was made.

The International Property Maintenance Code was considered and discussed with Trustees, Village Attorney Brennon Malcom, and residents present in the gallery. No action was taken at this time.

No quotes have been received to repair the doors at the park that were vandalized in May.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve Resolution 2023-31 which certifies the appointment of Chris A. Miller of Miller and Associates as Street Superintendent for the entire calendar year of 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Lungrin, Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney Brennon Malcom reports that all requirements for the sale of property at 504 Main St have been completed. He noted that other properties have tax sale certificates that could be purchased by the Village.

Nuisance Abatement was reviewed and no action was taken for the following properties: 614 Lincoln, 422 Lincoln, 321 Lincoln, 221 Lincoln, 222 Lincoln, 105 Lincoln, 321 Frontier, and 109 Railroad. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve Resolution 2023-32 declaring a nuisance at 410 Lincoln St. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley, Lungrin; three approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Widick, second by Adkisson, declaring a nuisance at 506 Dawson St. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley, Lungrin; three approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to declare a nuisance at 304 Main (the southeast corner of Main and Hwy 23). Roll vote showed – Yes:



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unanimous; Absent: Hartley, Lungrin; three approved, motion carried. Other properties previously abated and assess were reviewed.

The bylaws presented by the Library Advisory Board were reviewed. Recommended changes will be considered at the next meeting of the LAB.

Utility Superintendent Rod Klien reported that all well and water samples have been turned in and have come back negative for contamination. He attended 20 hours of training while at water school which included further discussion of possible PFAS contamination in the State of Nebraska. The samples taken from the Farnam area did not contain any PFAS. He also learned of new technology to repair sewer lines and alternative ways to prevent bacterial growth in the water standpipe in the warm months. The Christmas lights are ready to be hung by NPPD during the week of November 13, 2023. The slide has been replaced at the park.

A building permit for property located at 402 Dawson Street was reviewed. The permit will be approved if the Planning Commission has no objections.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the Annual TIF report for the Village. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley, Lungrin; three approved, motion carried.

A new grant opportunity has been presented to help evaluate new and affordable housing in the Village of Farnam.

Personnel issues were discussed. No action was taken.

Minutes from October 10, 2023 and October 24, 2023 could not be approved as there were not enough attending Trustees from those meetings to vote on their accuracy.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to approve the claims as presented with the addition of a payroll check in the amount of \$288.21 for Darla Lungrin to be included, resulting in total expenditures of \$50,030.26. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Lungrin, Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Claims included: : 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) \$2,095.38, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$0.00, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$203.47, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal and Nuisance Abatement Fees) \$676.51, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$175.26, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$21.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$157.06, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$221.21, Dearborn Insurance (Firemen's Insurance) \$0.00, Dawson Public Power District (Electricity) \$916.69, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$202.65, Payroll \$3,638.02, NeRWA (Annual Dues) \$200.00, NE Dept of Energy (Water License Renewal) \$115.00, Holiday Designs (Christmas Light Bulbs) \$305.44, Hicken Lumber (Small Tools/Equipment) \$5.69, Myers Construction (Water Meter Project) \$47,078.04.

Motion made by Widick, second by Russman, to open a new savings account as a Sinking Fund with an initial deposit of \$1,000 from the general fund. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley, Lungrin; three approved, motion carried.



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Trustee Adkisson will investigate the purchase of a side by side from Kubota in North Platte. No action was taken at this time.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED