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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting November 9, 2022

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 Ryan Schurr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees answering roll call were Ryan Schurr, Tracy Adkisson, Darla Lungrin, and Dan Widick.

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

Officer Mins was on hand to answer questions as they relate to the Dawson County Sheriff's report. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to approve the Sheriff's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Schurr, Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

Public Comment was made by resident Ronny Kothe of 521 Dawson advising the Board of low hanging trees above the sidewalk and street north of his residence.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, will review all properties with open nuisance resolutions.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to read the proposed Dog ordinance for the second time by title only. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Schur, Widick; four approved, motion carried.

A zoning variance hearing was opened at 7:24 p.m. in regards to a variance application by property owner, Kathy McClellan, for property located at 109 Railroad. Mrs. McClellan was not available for comment. Ordinances were reviewed for this property. The hearing was closed at 7:32 with no other public comment offered. The variance was denied due to insufficient information and the inability of the property to meet lot requirements of agricultural zoning.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, advised the Board that progress is being made in the annexation of property commonly known as the Country Partners Grain Bin Site. He will review all properties with open nuisance resolutions to provide recommendations to the Board at the December 13, 2022 meeting. Mr. Malcom is still waiting on the original Certification of Trust documents from the Leach family to file with the Register of Deeds.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to approve the legal report provided by Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick; four approved, motion carried.



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Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, advised the Board that all water sample results have been satisfactory. Sargent will be in the Village on 11/10/22 to test the wells. Christmas lights have been inspected and are ready to be hung. Mr. Klein is working with Eustis Plumbing and Underground to schedule time to repair water valves at multiple properties. Discussion was held regarding responsibility and ownership of water lines leading off of the water main.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve the utility report provided by Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Adkisson, Schurr; four approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised that a preconstruction meeting was held in regards to the water meter project. Meters are expected to be installed at the beginning of December with completion of the project expected in six to eight weeks. Discussion was had regarding when to start applying expenses to the loan approved by the SRF.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised that the Radar speed signs have not been installed along Highway 23.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that all necessary steps have been taken to start working on an automatic payment option for Residents. Mrs. Gurule will confirm all forms have been signed and returned and will test the process with a small number of customers in the next billing cycle. If everything runs as expected, an automatic payment option will be advertised at the beginning of 2023. Motion moved by Widick, second by Schurr, to appoint Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, as an approved representative of the Village on all documents related to ACH payment options. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Schurr; four approved, motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding building permits presented by Ray and Nancy Westphal and by Dale Oberg. Village Clerk will discuss a new permit with Westphal's, removing some misleading language as written on the original permit request.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approved Resolution 2022-16 to authorize Chairman Ryan Schurr to sign Street Superintendent Certification documents on behalf of the Village of Farnam. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin; four approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that a representative will be available on December 15, 2022 at to present information to Residents regarding USDA owner occupied housing grants and loan opportunities. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will send out information regarding this opportunity with water bills.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, is attempting to collect bids from multiple companies so that financial planning can begin on street projects.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, shared an informal quote of prices for the Dana F. Cole accounting company. She will continue to research possible municipal accountants.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Schurr, to approve the Village Clerk's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Schurr; four approved, motion carried.



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Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve the bills for October 2022 with the exception of the bill from Myers Construction, which will be processed through the SRF. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Schurr; four 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) \$2,017.54, One Call Concepts (Digger’s Hotline) \$1.60, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$304.43, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal) \$542.25, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$208.87, American Ag Lab (Water Test) \$19.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$136.82, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$150.90, Intuit (Payroll Processing) \$21.30, Dearborn National (Firemen’s Insurance) \$199.52, DPPD (Electricity) \$1,653.44, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$115.10, Payroll \$3,507.52, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, Rod Klein (Reimbursement for mileage), Miller Repair (Mower Parts) \$533.24, IIMC (Annual Dues) \$365.00, Nebraska Public Health (Water testing) \$237.00, Unitech (Sewer Chemical) \$695.00, Nebraska Municipal Clerks’ Association (Annual Dues) \$50.00, Tim Aanenson (Nuisance Abatement) \$100.00, Nebraska Rural Water (Valve Machine) \$110.00, LARM (Insurance Premium) \$14, 142.00, Nebraska Rural Water (Annual Dues) \$100.00, Hicken Lumber (504 Main Lock) \$17.99, Schaben Sanitation (Roll Off Dumpster) \$125.00, Rickey’s Removal LLC (Nuisance Abatement) \$2,903.00, Dawson County Court (Garnishment) \$198.63.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve the October 11, 2022 minutes. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Schurr; Widick, Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve the October 25, 2022 minutes. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

Village Personnel will be addressed at the December meeting pending full Board participation.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to cancel the November 2022 Planning Meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Schurr, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Schurr; four approved, motion carried.