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## Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular December 13, 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 7:01 p.m.

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

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

Officer Kostrunek was on hand to answer questions as they relate to the Dawson County Sheriff's report. He also requested that DCSO be notified when properties are being abated. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the Sheriff's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Lungrin, Widick, Schurr, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reviewed all properties with open resolutions of abatement. The following properties passed review on November 23, 2022: 321 Buffalo, 421 Carson, Crockett and Hwy 23, 504 Main, 321 Lincoln, 401 Lincoln. The following properties had identifiable nuisance violations: 611 Antelope, 504 & 516 Lincoln, 422 Lincoln, 321 Frontier, 109 Railroad, 417 Buffalo. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom will draft resolutions to close abatement procedures on the passing properties.

After much discussion regarding the proposed dog ordinance, Russman moved, second by Adkisson, to call the question regarding the third reading of the Ordinance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman, Schurr; five approved, motion carried. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, read the ordinance by title only. A vote to adopt the ordinance showed – Yes: Widick; No: Adkisson, Russman, Lungrin, Schurr; one approved, four denied, motion failed.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reported that the documents required for annexation are in order. A public hearing will be held in January to start the annexation process. He presented two resolutions to assess properties for delinquent invoices. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve Resolution 2022-17 to assess \$2,925.00 of mowing and snow removal fees to 501 Lincoln St. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Russman, Widick, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to approve Resolution 2022-18 to assess \$1,000.00 of mowing fees to the property of Gerald Messersmith located on Frontier St. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve the report



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from Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin Schurr, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that he has put together binders of important information and maps so they are available while he is on medical leave in December and January. He reported that the well samples came back with negative contamination, the contractors for the water meter project reported that the Village water system is one of the best and cleanest that they have seen. There was an issue with the sewer line on Crockett St. Aupperle Plumbing was called to remove an obstruction and the system was restored to working order. Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the report from Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Widick, Adkisson, Schurr, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised that more than 50% of the water meters have been replaced to date. Meter replacement is expected to be completed this month as long as there are no supply chain issues. The concrete has been purchased to install the radar speed signs. ACH transfer/autopay went well the first month. There were a couple of issues which have been resolved. If there are no issues in January with the ACH transfer/autopay process, it will be rolled out Village wide. One building permit for Tom Beytien at 621 Main St was presented. MFO funding was released, the Village will receive \$358.99 in allocated MFO funds and \$10,000.00 in LB664 funds. These restricted funds are sent in two payments in January and May. Trustee Widick is working with the Forest Service to improve the Village Tree Board and create funding possibilities for planting, maintaining and removing trees. Trustee Widick is working with West Central Development to determine the cost and benefit of creating a new Comprehensive Plan. USDA Rural Development representative, Durene Anderson will be at the Senior Center at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 15, 2022 to present loan and grant possibilities for low-income, owner-occupied housing. Two new accounts were opened in the Village this month. One bid was received for street repair work to be completed in 2023. An informal quote was received from RJ Meyer and Associates accounting. This quote indicated it would cost approximately \$4,000.00 for them to do the budget and audit waiver. This is in line with the informal quote received by the Dana F. Cole company. Trustee Mike Russman recused himself from the Board to discuss leasing the property at 315 Main St for storage of calf shelters. Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to agree to renting the property at 315 Main St to Russman Welding and Fabrication for a term of four months at the rate of \$25.00 per month. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Schurr, Lungrin; Abstain – Russman; four approved, motion carried. Discussion was held regarding placing trailer homes/modular homes being placed on residential lots. Ordinances were reviewed, no action was taken. Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the report from the Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Schurr, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve the bills for November 2022. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Schurr; Abstain: Russman; 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) \$2,215.44, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$4.76, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$285.32, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal) \$652.91, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$90.59, American Ag Lab (Water Test) \$19.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$147.88, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$259.94, Intuit (Payroll Processing) \$15.98, Dearborn National (Firemen's Insurance) \$113.52, DPPD (Electricity) \$1754.65, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$214.25, Payroll \$3,457.64, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, Dawson County Court (Garnishment) \$198.63, Hicken Lumber (concrete) \$68.90, NE Dept of Revenue (Sales Tax Paid) \$85.23, Dawson County Clerk (General Election) \$100.00,



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Russman Welding and Fabrication (Pipe Repair) \$44.84, Linear Accounting (Budget and Audit Waiver) \$1,320.00, Schaben Sanitation (Roll Off Dumpster) \$396.45, Rickey's Removal LLC (Nuisance Abatement) \$2,567.32, Country Partners (Tractor Fuel) \$280.47, Elizabeth Sidebottom (Deposit Return) \$44.81.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to approve the November 9, 2022 minutes. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Schurr; Widick, Adkisson; Abstain: Russman; four approved, motion carried.

Goals and concerns of Village personnel were discussed.

The next Planning Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be December 27, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Schurr, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Schurr, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

APPROVED