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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular February 14, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The floor was opened for public comment. Ronny Kothe addressed the Board regarding action taken at the last meeting pertaining to the ordinance passed prohibiting storage container type structures being placed within the Village.

The Dawson County Sheriff's office presented the monthly DCSO report. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the Sheriff's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, provided the legal report via phone. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, read the proposed annexation ordinance by title only. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the second reading. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reported that communication was sent to property owners of 321 Frontier St and 109 Main St regarding moving vehicles and structures from their property that violates the nuisance abatement ordinance.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, recommended Resolution 2023-02, a special assessment on 301 Lincoln St due to unpaid utility fees. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to accept recommended Resolution 2023-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Russman; Absent – Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, recommended Resolution 2023-03, a special assessment on property located near the intersection of Crockett St and Hwy 23 due to unpaid nuisance abatement fees. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to accept recommended Resolution 2023-03. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.



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Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, recommended Resolution 2023-08, a special assessment on property at 321 Lincoln St due to unpaid nuisance abatement fees. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to accept recommended Resolution 2023-08. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, recommended Resolution 2023-09, a special assessment on property at 109 RR St due to unpaid nuisance abatement fees. Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to accept recommended Resolution 2023-09. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, recommended Resolution 2023-10, a special assessment on property at 504 & 516 Lincoln ST due to unpaid nuisance abatement fees. Motion moved by Russman, second by Adkisson, to accept recommended Resolution 2023-10. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Ray Westphal of 222 Lincoln St was available to ask and answer questions regarding the accessory building on his property.

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

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that all well sample results have been received. He is preparing to take samples for PFAS testing. A lead service line inventory will need to be completed for pipes that connect mains to meters. As more guidance from the State is sent out, he will prepare a plan to get this information.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, will try to find some rock to put on the gravel streets to help firm up the soft streets.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, indicated that DPPD is aware of the street light issues that have been occurring recently and are trying to get the lights working consistently. In the summer, connections for the Christmas lights will be replaced.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, will look into ordering a back-up or replacement sewer pump.

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

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that Myer's Construction is still waiting on backordered meters to complete the water meter replacement project. The replacement cost for broken meters has not been determined at this time.

An invoice from Steve Smith of 419 Main St regarding installing a curb stop for water access to his property was presented to the Board. By Ordinance, the Municipality is responsible for this section of the water system. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve reimbursement of the bill presented at



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the next regular meeting with the other claims of that meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Correspondence was received and shared by Mrs. Janet Steuerwold and Black Hills Energy.

Two new utility accounts were opened in the last month.

One written quote was presented to the Board by Dana F. Cole & Company CPA. This quote included \$2,500 for budget prep and \$1,500 for completion of the audit waiver. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, is attempting to get more quotes to compare accountant services.

A request was made by the Community Coffee Shop members to open an account at the First State Bank of Farnam to deposit money raised by the Shop. The request was denied at this time.

Schaben Sanitation has asked if the roll off dumpster can be removed if it isn't being used. It was determined that the roll off can be removed and will be requested again when clean-up work can resume.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, presented the Outlay Request #2 for the water meter project. This Outlay Request of \$121,091.00 as well as Outlay Request #1, covers 95.61% of the project cost.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Adkisson, to approve the bills, with the change of date on the Class Balance to correct the date to 1/31/2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Russman; Abstain: Lungrin; Absent: Hartley; three 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) \$1,953.92, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$0.00, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$274.12, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal) \$567.00, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$235.44, American Ag Lab (Water Test) \$19.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$139.19, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$481.56, Dearborn National (Firemen's Insurance) \$13.76, DPPD (Electricity) \$2,197.05, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$413.07, Payroll \$3,563.32, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, Dawson County Court (Garnishment) \$198.63, Darla Lungrin (Reimbursement for Storage Door Knob) \$22.99, Sargent Drilling (Pump Efficiency Test) \$500.00, Rod Klein (Postage – Water Sample) \$94.55, Schaben Sanitation (Roll Off Dumpster) \$99.05, Country Partners (Sidewalk Salt) \$10.00.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Abstain: Adkisson; Absent: Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to go into executive session at 8:54 p.m. to discuss personnel and evaluate the job performance of employees to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Open session was resumed at 9:47 p.m.



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The next Planning Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be posted as required by the Open Meeting Act of Nebraska. 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 Lungrin, to go into recess at 9:50 p.m. to be resumed on February 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

The meeting was resumed on February 16, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. Chairman Russman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were Mike Russman, Tracy Adkisson, Darla Lungrin and Gary Hartley.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to go into executive session in regards to personnel to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Adkisson, Lungrin, Hartley; Absent: Widick; four approved, motion carried.

The open meeting was resumed at 8:00 p.m. and no action was taken.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED