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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting, March 13, 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 Village of Farnam Board of Trustees. The Village of Farnam abides by the Open Meetings Act in the conducting of Village business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed in this room on the south side of the North door, as required by State Law. The Board of Trustees may go into closed or executive session on any item as allowed by State Law.

Chairman Mike Russman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Trustees answering roll call were Darla Lungrin, Dan Widick, and Mike Russman. Gary Hartley arrived at 7:15 p.m. Tracy Adkisson was excused.

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

There was no report from Dawson County Sheriff's Office.

There was no public comment.

Molly Aden from the Park Committee reported that fundraising has been successful thus far and the Committee is preparing to act on sidewalks and consider specific equipment purchases. No action will be taken until all approvals have been met.

No update on the PWS Grant doors was available.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, advised that property owners at 424 Lincoln Street were served with all papers to pursue abatement. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to approve Resolution 2024-03 to revoke Resolution 2023-33 declaring a nuisance of property located at 506 Dawson St. Roll vote showed — Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; four approved, motion carried. Discussion of other properties currently under abatement resulted in no action. Tax sale certificates were secured for property as discussed at the February meeting. Resolution 2024-04 was assigned to the Interlocal Agreement with Lincoln County for Ambulance Service.

Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that all water and well samples are clean. The backup sewer pump and the playground tunnel pieces have both come in.

Trustee Russman indicated that there were several areas in the streets that will quickly go from small problems to big problems and bids should be requested for repairing them.

Discussion was held about meter readings and other issues related to the new meters.



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Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that only one of the selected security cameras is currently available. Village Clean Up Weekend will be held May 4 and 5, 2024 with three roll off dumpsters from Schaben being placed at the baseball field on the north side of town.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will be out of the office next week to attend Clerk School in Columbus.

A building permit from 322 Dawson St was reviewed. No action was taken until home owners provided further information on property line locations. A building permit was approved for a new home to be moved to 402 Dawson St.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to approve the amended minutes from the March 5 Rescheduled Planning Meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Abstain: Hartley; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to approve the claims for the month of February 2024. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; Abstain: Lungrin; three approved, motion carried. Claims are as follows: Sinking Fund Transfer (\$1,000.00), Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Schaben Sanitation (Solid Waste Disposal) \$2,417.35, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$2.36, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$299.34, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal and Nuisance Abatement Fees) \$506.00, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$128.36, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$6.06, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$150.86, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$279.47, Dearborn Insurance (Firemen's Insurance) \$220.16, Dawson Public Power District (Electricity) \$1,835.16, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$1,368.54, Payroll (including Rod Klein-February) \$6,725.47, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone – February) \$35.00, Rod Klein (Insurance – February) \$1,375.00, LARM (2021-22 Work Comp) \$253.94, LARM (2022-23 Work Comp) \$170.96, LARM (Exposure Changes) \$1,168.99, Municipal Supply (Battery, Meter Bottoms) \$191.18, S&S Auto (Filters) \$52.98, Hicken Lumber (Paint Supplies) \$11.79, Paulsen, Inc. (Road Gravel) \$623.61, Menards (Shop Supplies) \$23.63, Diggler's Lawn Service (Lawn Care) \$114.00, Outdoor Recreation Products (Playground Equipment) \$2,915.77, Eustis Plumbing and Underground (Shut Off Repair) \$1,441.24, Gurney (Back Up Sewer Pump) \$14,143.74. Claims totaled: \$38,104.30.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.