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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting May 9, 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 7:05 p.m.

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

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

The floor was opened for public comment on agenda items. No one requested to address the Board.

Sheriff Montgomery was on hand to answer questions about the Dawson County Sheriff's Report. He indicated that DCSO Reports will be presented as a call log only due to a policy change regarding increased protection of personal information. He also reported that Dawson County Sheriff's Office is working to create a Community Service Officer (CSO) position to help with Village Ordinance Enforcement. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the February 2023 Sheriff's Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Hartley, to approve the April 2023 Sheriff's Report. Roll vote showed – Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

There was no one on hand from the Larry Taylor Golf Committee to discuss an SDL for Founder's Day and Rib Fest.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that all water samples were returned with negative results, there are no issues with the sewer plant and 10 loads of gravel was distributed on north/south gravel streets. He indicated that the tractor will need two new tires and presented bids from Great Plains Tire and Dawson Tire. He also stated that both restrooms at the park were broken into resulting in damage to the doors and slight damage to the bricks. He will work with Gary Hartley to purchase steel doors and frames and have them installed before Founder's Day weekend. Discussions regarding the purchase of a generator and back up sewer pumps will be moved to the May 23, 2023 Planning Meeting to discuss with David Blau from Miller and Associates.

Motion moved by Hartley, second by Adkisson, to approve the purchase of two Petlas 480/80R42 tires from Dawson Tire. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Russman; five approved, motion carried.



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Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the Utility Superintendent Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom provided the legal report. All documents related to the annexation of the Country Partners Bin Site annexation have been filed. He recommended property owners at 222 Lincoln Street get a surveyed plat map and request an administrative subdivision to join all lots owned by the property owners. If a foundation is put under the second building on the property, these two steps will qualify the building as an Accessory Building. Discussion was had over the use of property as a short-term rental using a company such as Air BnB. He indicated that Village Ordinance states that all RV or camper vehicles must have current registration and meet all requirements for highway travel. RV or camper vehicles must be screened off to separate them from neighbor viewing. It is a violation of Village Ordinance to place an RV or camper on a property and use it for housing. He stated that he will begin working on nuisance abatement on May 19, 2023. He indicates that abatement this year will be more streamlined and have increased communication as compared to last year, which will create a better outcome for the community. Discussion was held regarding the agreement sent to Palisade for purchase of the 2016 ambulance; no action was taken.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the Legal Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that two building permits were received and forwarded to the Zoning Committee for consideration. Zoning Committee Chair, Stacy Eisenhauer, reports that there are concerns with the construction at 120 Lincoln St not matching what was indicated on the building permit as well as possible encroachment issues. He will discuss this with the property owner. A building permit for concrete work at 75162 Drive 408 was also discussed. Motion moved by Russman, second by Hartley, to approve concrete construction as indicated on the permit with the condition that all work will adhere to all federal and state guidelines. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried. She also shared correspondence from Dawson County Zoning Administration regarding a public meeting on May 15, 2023 and from ESG Water Solutions providing budgeting information for standpipe cleaning services. Discussion was held about the next steps for the property located at 504 Main Street. Trustee Darla Lungrin reports that significant progress has been made to clean out the house. Appropriate items will be sold via a garage sale on June 3, 2023 at the Greenbacks building. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will look into possible funding options to rehab the house and get it ready to sell. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the open burn permit issued by the State of Nebraska indicates that grass should not be burned at the tree dump, however it will be allowed per historical usage.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the Village Clerk Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the bills with the amendment of the Paulsen, Inc. bill to \$2070.48 and removing the Dawson Tire bill. Roll vote showed – Yes: Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Russman; five 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) \$2,440.26, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$5.52, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$236.68, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal) \$477.00, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$186.83, American Ag



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Lab (Water Test) \$21.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$153.09, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$255.13, Dearborn National (Firemen's Insurance) \$206.40, DPPD (Electricity) \$1,798.94, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$411.76, Payroll \$3,349.81, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, Schaben Sanitation (Roll Off) \$125.00, Greenbacks LLC (123 Caribou St Rental) \$150.00.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Hartley, to approve the meeting minutes from the May 2, 2023 meeting with the correction of approving a payment of \$205.00 for Carroll Holl for tree removal. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Chairman of the Board, Mike Russman, seeing no further business adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

APPROVED