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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting, June 10, 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 7:23 p.m.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the Dawson County Sheriff's Office report. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Heidi Pieper and Kari Schurr from the Farnam Library Board recommended Crysten Saner as a candidate for the Librarian/Director position. A proposed schedule for the Library was shared. Motion moved by Widick, second by Russman, to approve the appointment of Crysten Saner as the Library Director to work at \$12.00 per hour for 40 hours per month. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Founder's Day festivities will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024. Motion moved by Widick, second by Russman, to close Elk Street from the east side of the alley at the Park to the intersection of Crockett Street from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024 to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Darcy Gurule and Tom Beytien were available to discuss the Park Project. The sidewalks have been installed and work is being done to fill in soil and gravel and prepare the site for Founder's Day. Equipment selections were reviewed. Tom Beytien reported that approximately 1,200 man hours and 22 equipment hours have been poured into this project so far and this is a labor of love by the whole community.

The Farnam Cemetery Association submitted a building permit to install a concrete vault toilet on the south side of the Cemetery. The permit was approved with the condition that the building be installed at least 25 feet away from the property line to ensure Ordinance compliance.



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Communication with ATC will continue to establish wi-fi at the Park for security cameras and to have guest available wi-fi at the Park.

Village Attorney Brennon Malcom reviewed properties currently under nuisance abatement. At 422 Lincoln Street, all vehicles are currently operatable and are properly registered. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve Resolution 2024-08 which will repeal Resolution 2023-19 and withdraw litigation on that property. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Property located on the south east corner of the Main Street/Highway 23 intersection, currently addressed as 301 Main St, has not had any improvements from the last meeting. Work has been done and maintained in the rear of the property, however there are still violations in the front of the property. Recommended actions include adding signage indicating the nature of the business or enclosing the front of the structure. No action was taken by the Board.

Property located at 109 Railroad Street could not be assessed due to poor road conditions after the rain. If necessary, action will be taken to remove the dilapidated structure on the property and the cost will be assessed to the property.

321 Frontier Street has not been cleaned up. Ricky's Removal will be contacted to abate the nuisances on this property and the cost of abatement will be assessed to the property.

321 Lincoln Street has had some improvement over the last twelve months but progress has stalled. Motion moved by Widick, second by Russman, to approve Resolution 2024-09 declaring the property at 321 Lincoln St a Nuisance. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

403 Dawson Street has had some improvement but nuisance violations are still present. Ricky's Removal will be contacted to abate the nuisances on this property and the cost of abatement will be assessed to the property.

221 Lincoln Street continues to have nuisance violations. Ricky's Removal will be contacted to abate the nuisances on this property and the cost of abatement will be assessed to the property.

614 Lincoln Street has not made progress in abating nuisances. Communication from the property owner indicates that progress will be made in July. No action was taken at this time.

Properties not currently under nuisance abatement were discussed but no action was taken.

Utility Superintendent Rod Klein advised that all water samples, including foam samples and two well samples, have been sent in and returned with clean results. He stated that sewer and water systems were working without issue. The banks near the sewer lagoon have been burned. The standpipe will be drained and cleaned on Thursday, June 13, 2024. After this process, residents may notice chlorine in their water until normal operations are restored. The sewer pipes will be treated with chemical to prevent backups before Founder's Day events.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule reported that the tree inventory will be conducted in July with the help of the Nebraska Forestry Service and volunteers from the Community. The Village of Farnam will support the



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Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency's grant request for funding to help household comply with hazardous waste collection requirements. An insurance claim has been started to fix the wind damage caused by the storm on June 2, 2024. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule reports that she is still investigating the most appropriate route to achieve the goals relating to mapping utility locations.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to designate Chairman Mike Russman be the signatory for the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters for the SRF Water Meter Project C318051. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve minutes from the May 28, 2024 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve all claims except the payroll check for Darla Lungrin and the claim from Russman Welding and Fabrication. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried. Claims were as follows:

Sinking Fund Transfer \$1,000.00, Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Schaben Sanitation (Solid Waste) \$1,865.57, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$1.60, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$543.67, Malcom Nelson & Windrum (Legal and Nuisance Abatement) \$55.00, CAMAS Publishing (Newspaper) \$89.47, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$27.56, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$154.65, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$155.38, Dearborn (Fireman's Insurance) \$220.16, DPPD (Electricity) \$1425.19, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$188.35, Payroll and Liabilities \$4,426.38, Schaben Sanitation (Roll Offs) \$649.92, NE Dept of Environment and Energy (Loan Payment) \$486.46. Total Expenses: \$11,897.70.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.