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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting June 29, 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, Darla Lungrin, Dan Widick, and Tracy Adkisson. Gary Hartley arrived at 7:16 p.m.

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

No public comments were received.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to approve the Dawson County Sheriff's Report from May 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

David Blau of Miller and Associates was available to discuss the completion of the water meter project as well as the generator and pump replacement projects. This item will be discussed again at the next regular meeting.

Building permits from Kent & Marilyn Pieper, Tyler Rodman, Patty Canas, and Will and Kaylin Craig. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, provided an updated Building Permit form for review.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Adkisson, to approve participation in the Dawson County MFO. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to approve Resolution 2023-14 agreeing to continued participation in the Dawson County MFO. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to approve participation in the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll vote showed Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Hartley, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that Schaben Sanitation will be increasing their solid waste collection fees by 5%. Rate changes for Village of Farnam customers will be discussed at the next meeting.



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Consumer questions regarding invoices 9665 and 9691 were discussed.

The funds received from the sale of items originally located at 504 Main St will be applied to the account to offset the cost of maintaining the property.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the first reading of changes to Ordinances 2-107 through 2-123 as well as 8-201. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Hartley, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Options for the LARM Safety Grant were discussed. It was recommended to look at the purchase of an AED to keep in a community available space, to purchase air quality meters and carbon monoxide/smoke detectors. Further discussion and decisions will be made at the next meeting.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported on sessions attended at the Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference on June 21-23, 2023.

Dan Widick recused himself from discussion regarding the potential changes to Zoning Ordinance 2-201 (E). A written petition was received to change Zoning Ordinance 2-201 (E). Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin to approve the petition and schedule a public hearing during the next regularly scheduled meeting. Roll vote shoed – Yes: Hartley, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Abstain: Widick; four approved, motion carried. Dan Widick resumed participation in Board discussions and meeting actions.

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

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that things went well over Founder's Day weekend. He reported vandalism to the park bathroom and storage room doors as well as windows being broken at the utility shop. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will reach out to LARM to begin a claim for damages. The radar speed signs have not been installed. Motion moved by Hartley, second by Lungrin, to approve the Village Utility Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve claims for the month of June 2023. Claims included: Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Insurance Stipend) \$1,375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Solid Waste Disposal) \$1,945.86, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$1.18, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$416.92, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal Fees) \$1,647.44, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$21.50, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$21.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$152.27, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$128.08, Dearborn Insurance (Firemen's Insurance) \$13.76, Dawson Public Power District (Electricity) \$1,563.54, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$354.03, Payroll \$3,349.83, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, FYR-TEK (Ambulance Payment) \$44, 605.05, Country Partners (TIF) \$912.57, Darcy Gurule (Mileage Grant Writing Class) \$347.15, NE Dept of Environ & Energy (Water Testing) \$68.29, Sargent Drilling (Efficiency Test) \$700.00, NE Dept of Labor (Unemployment) \$25.00, Schaben Sanitation (Roll Off) \$99.05, Menards (Soil) \$19.96, Country Partners (24-D Herbicide, Dawson Tire (Tractor Tires) \$4,139.64, Darla Lungrin (Cleaning 504 Main) \$2,000.00. Checks were printed with the incorrect date (6/8/23), they should have been printed on (6/15/23). The meeting to be held on 6/14/23 was postponed to 6/29/23 due to lack of quorum.



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Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Hartley, to approve the minutes from May 23, 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin; Abstain: Russman; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, advised that joining the lots at 222 Lincoln, as well as putting in a permanent foundation under the accessory building would bring the property into compliance. The homeowner will have to begin these processes and the Village will not take any further action at this time. A variance request was received from the owners of 120 Lincoln. Seeing no issues to the request, motion moved by Lungrin, second by Hartley, to approve the variance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Hartley, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried. No progress has been made at the property located at 109 Railroad St. Nuisance abatement has begun throughout the Village. It seems to be better received this year than last. Fewer courtesy letters were sent out for the first and second assessment of the Village. The final assessment before official action will be completed on July 21, 2023. Motion moved by Widick, second by Adkisson, to approve the Village legal report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Hartley, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

The Village owned property located at 504 Main St will be sold through a sealed bid auction with the three highest bidders attending a live auction to finalize the sale. Bids should be sent to Village Clerk, PO Box 7, Farnam, NE 69029, or delivered in person to 310 Main St, Farnam, NE 69029. Sealed bids will be accepted through August 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular Board of Trustees meeting to be held on August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.