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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting July 11, 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 7:01 p.m.

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

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

Public comments from Dan McPeak of 521 were received indicating that he had been seeing a lot of tree work being done and thinks things look better.

Deputy Kostrunek was available to answer questions regarding the Dawson County Sheriff's Report. He apologized that the mobile speed trailer was not in place for Founder's Day Weekend. He stated that traffic was controlled along Highway 23 during the parade with no issues. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the Dawson County Sheriff's Report from June 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reported that he is refiling special assessments after making required changes with the County Assessor's Office. In regards to property at 222 Lincoln St, it will be the property owner's responsibility to move forward with joining the two properties owned and ensure compliance with the accessory building located on the property. Also, it was noted that an unpermitted fence has been erected at this property, *as well as a new building located between the residence and the car port*. A permit will need to be filed or the fence removed to comply with ordinances.

A proposed purchase contract for 504 Main St was presented and reviewed. Sealed bids are due in the office by 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023 for this property. Bids will be opened at the meeting scheduled for August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Nuisance abatement assessment has begun and is going well as compared to last year. The next assessment will be completed on July 21, 2023.



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Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, presented a pay request for the water meter project in the amount of \$24,654.00. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the pay request. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Larson, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried. The credit requirements and a list of potential lenders was submitted for review for the Street Improvement Project.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, is collecting information and police reports regarding the vandalism that occurred at the park building and the shop. She will complete the insurance claim form.

A public hearing regarding changes to ZO 2-201 (E) was opened at 8:22 p.m. In order to add the requested verbiage about fencing requirements and setbacks, Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, proposed ZO 2023-02. The proposed ordinance was read and discussion was held about proposed changes. No action was taken at this time. A second public hearing will be held on August 8, 2023 to review updates to the proposed ordinance. The public hearing was closed at 8:47 p.m.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to read the changes to Ordinances 2-107 through 2-123 and Ordinance 8-201 pertaining to the Tree Board by title only for the second time. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Possible uses of the LARM Safety Grant were discussed. No action was taken.

Changes to the fee schedule, including increasing garbage rates in accordance with the agreement with Schaben Sanitation and adding a fee for repairing broken meters were discussed. Residential, Senior, and Commercial Green Buggies will all increase by \$1.00. 1.5 yard and 2 yard dumpsters will increase by \$3.00 and 4 yard dumpsters will increase by \$5.00 effective for the July billing cycle. A rate of \$100.00 plus additional labor at \$50.00 per 30 minutes after the first hour will be billed for repairing broken meters. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to amend the Fee Schedule with these changes. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Adkisson, to approve membership with West Central Nebraska Development District, Inc. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four 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) \$1,977.51, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$4.76, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$563.65, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal Fees) no bill received, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$121.48, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$21.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$152.10, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$129.19, Dearborn Insurance (Firemen's Insurance) \$123.84, Dawson Public Power District (Electricity) \$1,600.60, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$267.22, Payroll \$3,349.81, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, Schaben Sanitation (Community Clean Up Roll Offs) \$1,079.76, S&S Car Quest (Sealant) \$6.99, Miller and Associates (Water Meter Project) \$3,078.65, Hicken Lumber (Window Glass and Screen) \$12.50, Menards (Shop Supplies) \$71.42, West Central Nebraska Development District (Annual Dues) \$685.00, IRS (Federal Withholding) \$2,084.48, NE Dept of Revenue (State Withholding) \$1.85, Ronny Kothe (Deposit Return) \$150.00, FYR-TEK (Bunker Gear)



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\$58,276.25, Farnam Bank (Pumper Truck Payment) \$10,179.50, Darcy Gurule (mileage) \$259.76, Fox Insurance (Clerk Bond) \$20.00.

Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that he will be treating phragmites near the sewer lagoons. Water samples were returned with clean results.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the minutes from June 29, 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Dan Widick recused himself from the Board at 9:48 p.m. to request a letter of support for the Farnam Economic Development Corporation to work with the CDAA to bring another house to the Village. No action was taken. Dan Widick resumed his duties as Trustee at 9:53 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 58, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED