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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Planning Meeting July 25, 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 Mike Russman, Darla Lungrin, and Gary Hartley. Dan Widick arrived at 7:07 p.m. Gary Hartley was excused at 8:13 p.m. Tracy Adkisson was excused.

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

David Blau from Miller and Associates was available to discuss closing the water meter project. He reviewed the Final Change Order and the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Motion moved by Russman, second by Hartley, to approve the Final Change Order. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Hartley, Russman; Abstain: Widick; Absent: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Hartley, Widick, Russman; Absent: Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

David Blau also discussed the purchase of a generator and backup sewer pump. He will reach out for bids and present project costs at the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting. He will also have information about completing a Preliminary Engineering Report on the Streets at that time.

The water usage at 40849 Rd 751 was reviewed. Trustees instructed Village personnel to change the water meter as soon as possible and have the current meter sent for accuracy testing. This will be reviewed again at the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting to compare usage with the new meter.

A group of residents with Betty Hoppe-Stevens as the spokesperson addressed the Board with questions about the “Farnam Room” at the Library. It was advised that these questions be directed toward the Library Board.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised that the LARM Safety Grant funds cannot be rolled into consecutive years. The dollars must be allocated and spent within the fiscal year. Current possible uses for the grant funds include smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, air quality testing equipment, an AED, and pylons to place in the streets when necessary.



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Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to advance with the third reading and adoption of the Tree Ordinances. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley, Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised that Linear Accounting will not be available to do the budget for FY 2023-24. She will contact Dana F. Cole and R.J. Meyer & Associates.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to approve the payment of the 2nd quarter sales tax. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Adkisson, Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting with the following amendment:

“as well as a new building located between the residence and the car port.” To be included in the 8th paragraph.

Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley, Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Chapter 5, Articles 3-8 were reviewed. With the removal of the State helmet requirement, Ordinances 5-503 and 5-806 may no longer be valid. This will be confirmed with the Village Attorney. Other ordinances are acceptable as written.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.