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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Planning Meeting July 26, 2022

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.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, called the Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Board of Trustees answering roll call were Mike Russman, Darla Lungrin and Dan Widick.

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

David Blau of Miller and Associates presents the bids received for the water meter and sewer generator project. Bids came in 79% higher than expected with Myers Construction, Inc presenting a bid of \$372,095.29 and BSB Construction, Inc presenting a bid of \$382,786.00. Due to the significant increase in project cost, the SRF will allow the project to be split with completion of either the water meter replacement or the purchase and installation of the generator covered by the terms of the loan. The Board may elect to reject all bids and then open bidding for a second time, elect to do all or part of the project, or negotiate with the lowest bidder to reduce cost. This matter will come before the Board at the August 9, 2022 meeting.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, presented the Board with the loan proposal received from First State Bank of Farnam, Nebraska. Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to accept a \$50,000.00 loan at the variable interest rate, which is currently ~~4.75%~~ 4.5%, for a term of five years. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Russman, Widick; three approved, motion carried.

The Board reviewed Chapter 5, Articles 1-3 of the Ordinance Book. Specific points of discussion included the speed limit on Residential streets, the speed limit near the bus stop and the ordinances as related to handicapped parking permits.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the locks and cameras for the Water Security Grant have been ordered and will be installed.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised the Board of potential reporting requirements and requested that ARPA funds not be allocated until she can do further research.



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Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised the Board that the radar speed signs have been delivered and are ready to be installed.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that abatement is almost complete at the 321 Lincoln St. property. She is discussing the next properties to be abated with the contractor.

The Board discussed the lot at 315 Main St. Research will be done to find a way to safely remove the siren and the bell from the steel tower. If these items are successfully removed, the bell will be displayed as a historic monument and the siren will be relocated to be used in the event of an emergency. The flag pole, which is a memorial for veterans, will be relocated. Discussion was held regarding the possible sale of the lot. No decisions were reached.

The proposed Employee Handbook was reviewed. Trustees will explore the handbook in more detail and discuss possible changes at the next Regular Board Meeting.

The Hazard Plan Resolution from the State regarding floodplain compliance will be addressed when the plan is finalized by the State of Nebraska.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to go into Closed session at 9:11 p.m. to discuss the Facebook post made on the Village of Farnam's Facebook page regarding water used and the water bills generated in July, which will come due on August 10, 2022. Russman indicated that going into Closed session is necessary for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, was invited to the Closed session. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Russman; three approved, motion carried.

Open session resumed at 9:24 p.m.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to forgive the first 10 units of water used on each account for the bills that are generated in July, due August 10, 2022. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Lungrin, Widick; three approve, motion passes.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, requested Board advice in regards to reissuing a check paid to the late Al Moore in the July claims approved on July 11, 2022.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to go into Closed session at 9:32 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Russman indicated that going into Closed session is necessary and appropriate under the Nebraska Attorney General recommendation number 89063 (October 12, 1989). Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, was invited to the Closed session. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Widick, Lungrin; three approved, motion carried.

Open session resumed at 10:44 p.m. No further action was taken.



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The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The next Planning Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Russman; three approved, motion carried.

APPROVED