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## Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting August 10, 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 was excused.

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

There were no public comments.

Village Attorney Brennon Malcom opened the four sealed bids that were received for the property located at 504 Main St. Bid #1 was from Mark Weidemann for ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$15,000.00 and included a proposal of work to be done. Bid #2 was from Aresia Wilson for \$8,000.00. Bid #3 was from David Smith for \$15,000.00. Bid #4 was from Joe and Tracey McMahon for \$3,576.00. The three highest bidders were informed of a live bidding event to be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 22, 2023 at the Village Library and Public Offices Building to purchase the property. The Purchase Agreement for 504 Main St was reviewed and approved.

David Blau from Miller and Associates was available to continue discussion on the purchase of a backup generator for the well houses, the purchase of a backup sewer pump, and the purchase of a tractor to be used as a PTO for the well house. No decisions were made. David Blau will provide more information for the August 22, 2023 Planning Meeting.

David Blau from Miller and Associates also discussed the feasibility of a Preliminary Engineering Report for the street projects as funding is sourced. He will provide a quote for services. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule advised that she has started work on a grant that would pay for the PER.

Water usage at 40849 Rd 751 was discussed. The meter was replaced and continues to show continuous usage. The property owners will investigate.

Village Utility Superintendent Rod Klein reported that the water samples have all been collected and submitted. The cost of herbicide application at the sewer lagoon will be approximately \$1,200.00.

The post for one of the speed signs has been cemented in. The sign has not been installed on the post.



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Village Attorney Brennon Malcom reviewed the proposed Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fencing. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to waive the three readings and proceed with Ordinance Adoption. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to adopt Ordinance No 2023-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Abstain: Widick; Absent: Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Adkisson, to approve Resolution 2023-15 assigning a special assessment to property commonly known as 504 and 516 Lincoln Street in the amount of \$1,010.78 for unpaid nuisance abatement work. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney Brennon Malcom reviewed the proposed Speed Limit Ordinance as requested by the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to waive the three readings and proceed with Ordinance Adoption. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve Ordinance 8-2023-01. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Properties that have received three nuisance courtesy letters were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

304 Main St – no action taken.

221 Lincoln St – Motion moved by Widick, second by Russman, to declare this property a nuisance via Resolution 2023-16. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

321 Frontier St – Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to declare this property a nuisance via Resolution 2023-17. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

602 Moose St – Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to declare this property a nuisance via Resolution 2023-18. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

422 Lincoln St – Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to declare this property a nuisance via Resolution 2023-19. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

112 Lincoln St – Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to declare this property a nuisance via Resolution 2023-20. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.



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403 Dawson St – Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to declare this property a nuisance via Resolution 2023-21. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

304 Lincoln St – Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to declare this property a nuisance via Resolution 2023-22. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney Brennon Malcom advised that, after discussion with the Village Clerk, he has heard of complaints of weeds obstructing the view of Highway 23 to the west of the property located at 222 Lincoln St. His recommendation was to have the Village mow the weeds to remove the obstruction and to bill the service back to the property owner.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to deny the building permit presented by 222 Lincoln St. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule presented the annual certification of program compliance and the associated resolution for approval. Motion moved by Widick, second by Russman, to approve Resolution 2023-23 indicating the Chairperson to sign the compliance form. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Sheriff Deputy Byrne was available to present the June Sheriff Report. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule shared a letter received from Linear Accounting advising that the firm would not be available to complete budget work for the 2023-24 fiscal year. She presented information on three new firms, Dana F. Cole, RJ Meyers and Associates, and Susan Maline. Motion moved by Russman, second by Adkisson, to continue working with Dana F. Cole for accounting services. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

The Farnam Tree Board presented a list of properties that had dead or diseased trees to the Board. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule will help draft a letter to property owners requesting them to remove said trees.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick to approve Resolution 2023-24 indicating a 3-year commitment with 180-day notice of termination with LARM for insurance coverage. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule requested approval for smoke/CO detectors, an air quality monitor and pylons for the LARM Safety Grant.

The Village of Eustis has requested a representative from the Village of Farnam to attend their meeting on August 10, 2023 to discuss the interlocal agreement proposed for maintenance assistance.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Russman, to approve claims for the month of June 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried. Claims



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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) \$2,077.59, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$14.16, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$274.93, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal Fees) \$3,114.93, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$138.66, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$21.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$149.10, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$128.07, Dearborn Insurance (Firemen's Insurance) \$220.16, Dawson Public Power District (Electricity) \$1,649.59, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$566.34, Payroll \$3,727.19, First State Bank (Streets Loan) \$934.25, Utility Service Co. (Standpipe cleaning) \$6,699.36, Holiday Designs (Replacement Bulbs) \$819.16, Miller & Assoc. (Meter Project) \$5,904.75, Galen Heath (Deposit Refund) \$150.00, Brandon Ehlers (Deposit Refund) \$80.65, Miller & Assoc. (1&6 Year Plan) \$600.00, Country Partners (Herbicide) \$225.08, John Deere Financial (Mower Repair) \$660.67.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the minutes from July 25, 2023. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED