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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Planning Meeting August 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 was excused.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion made by Russman, second by Widick, to approved Resolution 2023-25 accepting the bid of \$40,000 given at the live auction held on August 22, 2023 from Mark Weidemann. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried. Motion made by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to agree to give the keys to the property to Mark Weidemann prior to the close date of the property. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule advised that she attended the Transportation Summit held by Nebraska Department of Transportation in Kearney on August 23, 2023. She has started working on a RAISE grant application for street improvements.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule provided a letter to be mailed to property owners with dead or diseased trees identified by the Tree Board. The letter will go out next week.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule reported that the items purchased with the LARM Safety Grant have been delivered and are ready for use. 6 pylon traffic cones are available to increase safety awareness for potentially dangerous situations such as tree work or pavement repair. To borrow the pylons, residents should contact the Village Clerk's Office.

Chairman Mike Russman attended the Village of Eustis Board of Trustees meeting on August 14, 2023. He advised that the Village of Eustis is considering the proposed Maintenance Interlocal Agreement and will contact the Village of Farnam with a decision.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule provided a document to record billable work done by the Village on behalf of property owners. She will generate a form to document steps for disconnection due to non-payment and will



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revise the Welcome letter to include information about building permits, dog licenses and other pertinent ordinances for new residents.

The radar speed signs have been installed on both entrances of Highway 23 into Farnam. Many positive comments have been received about the signs. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule will make necessary changes to comply with NDOT requirements.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule asked for input on the Water Safety Grant. She will talk to Utility Superintendent Rod Klein about fixing the leaking valve in the south pump house.

Trustee Dan Widick recused himself from the Board at 7:35 pm to request a letter of support from the Village for the Farnam Economic Development Corporation in their application for CDAA participation in moving another home to the Village. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to support the project and approve of a letter on behalf of the Board. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley; three approved, motion carried. Widick resumed participation as a Trustee at 7:52 pm.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities is hosting the Annual Conference for Municipalities in Lincoln September 27-29, 2023. Motion moved by Widick, second by Russman, to approve Village Clerk Darcy Gurule attending virtually if possible. If virtual participation is not an option she may attend in person. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Abstain: Widick; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Trustees reviewed the preliminary budget numbers. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule will speak with Accountant Mitch Inman from Dana F. Cole to solidify the budget for the next meeting. The interest rate on the Streets Loan at First State Bank of Farnam has increased from 4.5% to 8.25%. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule will ask about penalties for early withdrawal of the CD to pay this loan off. Discussion included creating a sinking fund to ensure financial support of future projects.

Motion made by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting with the following amendment: *Bid #1 was from Mark Weidemann for ~~\$1,500.00~~ \$15,000.00.* Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Hartley; four approved, motion carried.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.