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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings  
Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2022

Notice of said meeting were 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 Chairman Pro Temp, Tracy Adkisson, called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board of Trustees answering roll call were Tracy Adkisson, Mike Russman, and Dan Widick. Darla Lungrin arrived at 7:03 p.m. Ryan Schurr arrived at 7:08 p.m.

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

A deputy was not available to present a report from Dawson County Sheriff's Office.

Mrs. Betty Hoppe-Stevens representing the Farnam Cemetery Board addressed the Board of Trustees regarding storing Cemetery related documents in the Library/Village Offices building. The Board will advise the Librarian to start sorting out the north storage room to accommodate the Cemetery records and better utilize the space available.

Representatives from the Larry Taylor Memorial Golf Committee, including Connie Taylor, Dutch Edson and Doug Adkisson, addressed the Board of Trustees regarding a Special Designated License for a beer garden at Farnam Founder's Day in the area of the Lion's Club Rib Fest. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to approve an SDL for The Larry Taylor Memorial Golf Committee, executed via the OK Bottle Shoppe, on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Farnam Founder's Day celebration, organized near the Lion's Club Rib Fest. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, ~~Larson~~ Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

The Board discussed options for controlling dog complaints in the Village. This project will be researched further and addressed at the Planning Meetings.

The sidewalk at 222 Lincoln St. was addressed. This sidewalk was removed in the fall of 2021. In December, property owners were advised of the need, per Ordinance, to replace the damaged and removed sidewalk with a compliance date of March 31, 2022. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, will address this issue with the property owner and report back to the Board of Trustees with a plan of action at the May regular meeting of the Board.

Nuisance abatement at 321 Lincoln St is pending a review by the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and the contractor.

Building permits by Rod Erfman at 404 Crockett St and Ronny Kothe at 521 Dawson St were reviewed. After research regarding fence setbacks, the permit by Erfman for a fence was approved. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will advise Mr. Erfman of this decision in a letter. The permit by Kothe was denied due to lack of information. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will advise Mr. Kothe of this decision in a letter. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, advised the Board on the requirements to add or amend Zoning Ordinances. If the requirements are met, he will draft a proposed ordinance regarding the set back of fences along the alley way.

Village Clean Up Day will be Saturday, May 21, 2022. The Village will provide three roll-off dumpsters. Anyone taking advantage of this service needs to be aware of the rules and conditions imposed by the Village and by Schaben Sanitation regarding the use of the roll-off dumpsters. Mr. Roger Broker has advised the Village that he will have a trailer available to collect appliances. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve the rental of two roll-off dumpsters, in addition to the one provided by Schaben Sanitation, to be available on May 21, 2022 for the Village Clean Up Day. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Russman, Lungrin, Adkisson, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

Correspondence from the City of North Platte advising the Board that the City of North Platte has requested insurance coverage bids. According to LARM membership requirements, any municipality that is accepting bids and could be leaving the pool is required to provide notice to other pool members.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, provided information on three radar speed display signs. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to complete all necessary paperwork to permit, purchase and install a Radar Sign Fast-275 model speed sign at each highway entry point to the Village, at the 35mph speed sign. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Lungrin, Adkisson, Schurr, Widick; five approved, motion carried.

A “soft disconnect” policy was discussed. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, requested guidance on the disconnection policy if an account is eligible for disconnect but the property has not been accessed to manually turn the water off. According to Ordinance and State Statute, delinquent accounts are eligible for disconnection on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, or 10 days after the delinquent/disconnect notice was mailed, which ever is later. Per the Board’s direction, Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will perform a soft disconnect on the affected accounts at 12:00 noon on

the appropriate day. Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, will perform the actual disconnect after that time.

It was proposed to move the siren from the 315 Main St location to the north pump house. This will extend our siren reach as well as provide a back up siren if the main siren at the Fire Hall malfunctions. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will research the requirements of this proposed move and report back to the Board at the Planning Meeting.

There are two broken pieces of equipment at the Park. The “caterpillar” has rust spots and broken boards that need replaced or the structure needs removed. One of the spring riders is broken and needs repaired or removed.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reported that he has contacted the current owner of a tax sale certificate for the property at 502 Main St. When all necessary paperwork is in order, he will send the check to obtain ownership of the certificate. As soon as possible, he will begin the foreclosure process on that property. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, has also been in contact with Tod Clark at Country Partners regarding the proposed building plans and possible annexation of a new bin site south of Farnam. He will meet with the Frontier County Board of Commissioners regarding this. Motion moved by Widick, second by Schurr, to accept the Village Attorney Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

Village Utility Supervisor, Rod Klein, reports no issues with the water or sewer systems. He indicates that there have been a number of 811 Digger’s Hotline Requests this month. He states that none of these should affect sewer or water systems. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Russman to approve the Village Utility Supervisor Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Russman, Adkisson, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to approve the March 7, 2022 meeting minutes. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Lungrin, Widick, Schurr; Abstain: Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman to approve the March 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Russman; Abstain: Schurr, Lungrin; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve the March 2022 bills. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson Lungrin, Widick, Schurr; Abstain: Russman; four approved, motion carried. Bills are as follows: Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement Contract) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Health Insurance) \$1,375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Garbage Collection) \$2,150.94, ATC Communications (Phone and Internet) \$132.75, Dearborn National (Firemen Insurance) \$13.76, DPPD (Electricity) \$1,676.58, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$507.18, Intuit (Payroll Processing) \$8.52, One Call Concepts (Digger’s Hotline) \$28.30,

Great Plains Tire and Services (Fuel) \$367.96, Malcom, Nelson and Windrum (Legal) \$381.00, CAMAS Publishing (Newspaper) \$151.96, Payroll \$3,570.54, American Ag Lab (Water Test) \$19.50, 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank (Credit Card) \$0.00, John Deere Financial (Tractor Repair) \$31.88, Edna Lungrin (Deposit Refund) \$250.00, Eustis-Farnam Schools (Deposit Return) \$150.00, Dan McPeak (Nuisance Abatement) \$125.00, Country Partners (TIF Funds) \$920.79, Nebraska Public Health Lab (Water Test) \$32.00, Swanson Sign Company (RV Sign) \$65.00, GPAC (Asbestos Abatement) \$9,790.00, Heartland Testing (Visual Asbestos Clearance) \$450.00, Russman Welding and Fabrication (Tractor Repair and Water Tool) \$209.07, Country Partners (Road Salt) \$4.50, United States Treasury (Federal Withholding) \$2,143.12, State of NE Dept of Revenue (State Withholding) \$180.39, State of NE Dept of Revenue (Sales and Use Tax) \$738.57, Ashbrook Capital Management, LLC (Sales Tax Certificate, 502 Main St) \$1,820.00.

The audit waiver request for the fiscal year ending 2021 was approved and the comments and recommendations were reviewed.

The next planning meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM CST. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Russman, Adkisson, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.