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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings
Regular Meeting
October 12, 2021

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, Ryan Schurr, called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Board of Trustees answering roll call were Tracy Adkisson, Darla Lungrin, Mike Russman, Ryan Schurr and Dan Widick.

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

The Sheriff's Report was unavailable.

Mr. Carroll Holl of 504 Crockett requested an update in regards to his claim for damages to his property caused by backflow in the sewage line. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, informed Mr. Holl that a letter of denial from the home owner's insurance agency would be required before next steps could be taken.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Schurr, to request an audit waiver from the Nebraska State Auditor's Office for FY 2020-21. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Russman, Widick, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to hire France McNally to complete the audit waiver request. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick, Schurr, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

A representative of Bacon, Vinton and Venteicher, LLC law office requested information regarding a lien filed against property on the southwest corner of Frontier and Main Streets. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to reply to the request indicating a current balance due of \$100.00 and that a lien release drafted by Bacon, Vinton and Venteicher, LLC would be signed and filed with the Register of Deeds.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, and Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, gave an update on the properties that were declared nuisances. The property at 321 Buffalo will be reviewed for revocation at the November regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Abatement has begun at the property at 421 Carson, on the northwest corner of Highway 23 and Crockett, and 504 Main Street. The next properties to begin abatement will be 321 Lincoln St and 109 Railroad St. Abatement is pending for properties at 611 Antelope St, 504 and 516 Lincoln St, 422 Lincoln St, 321 Frontier St and 401 Lincoln St.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, presented an updated deed on behalf of the Farnam Cemetery Board that included two acres that were added to the cemetery property and not included in the deeded land that was discussed at the September regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Hale property on Dawson St will be sold at a Sheriff's auction on October 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM CST. Motion moved by Russman, second by Adkisson, to approve the Village Attorney report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman. Five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, seconded by Schurr, to adopt Resolution 2021-22 to set a special election for the recall of Trustee Darla Lungrin. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Widick, Adkisson, Russman; Abstain – Lungrin; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, seconded by Lungrin, to adopt Resolution 2021-23 to set a special election for the recall of Trustee Dan Widick. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; Abstain – Widick; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, seconded by Lungrin, to adopt Resolution 2021-24 to set a special election for the recall of Trustee Mike Russman. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick; Abstain – Widick; four approved, motion carried.

The LARM insurance group offered an extension to the annual enrollment period for requesting insurance coverage. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to join the League Association of Risk Management. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Adkisson, Widick, Russman, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to accept contract terms including a three-year commitment with a 180-day notice of bid or termination for a 5% annual premium reduction. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Widick, to complete and submit the annual Standardized System of Annual Reporting for Roads and Streets Certification to Miller and Associates. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported that all monthly well samples as well as the three-year arsenic sample were within the limits set by the State. Some exposed rebar on the

intersection of Lincoln and Frontier streets was covered. The sewer plant is scheduled to be cleaned this fall. Mr. Klein also reported that he received nine CEU credits while at Water School October 7 -8, 2021. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Russman, to approve the Village Utility Superintendent report. Roll vote showed: Yes-Adkisson, Russman, Lungrin, Schurr, Widick; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised the Board on a new State assistance program for Low Income Families. The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program will offer financial assistance to pay water and sewer for qualified low income families. Motion moved by Russman, second by Adkisson, to apply for Vendor status with the State of Nebraska to offer this program to Village residents. Roll vote showed: Yes – Lungrin, Russman, Schurr, Widick, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to create a new checking account to hold the funds generate by the LIHWAP program and a new checking account to hold the funds from utility deposits. Roll vote showed: Yes – Schurr, Russman, Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick; five approved, motion carried.

A building permit from Chad and Misty Walker at 321 Caribou was presented, signed by Alan Oberg, Chairman of the Planning Commission. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will request that the fence be moved to the back yard as it's current location is too close to the sidewalk.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the Epson printer from D&R Computing is not meeting the needs of the Village. That printer will be returned and a new printer will be purchased. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will present printer options at the October planning meeting.

The Village of Farnam Trustees Recreation CD matures on 10/20/21. No action was taken and the CD will automatically renew.

Mrs. Heidi Pieper of the Library Board requested an additional 6 hours of salary be approved for the Librarian. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the new hours. Roll vote showed: Yes – Schurr, Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve the September bills. Roll vote showed: Yes – Lungrin, Russman, Widick, Adkisson, Schurr; five approved, motion carried. Bills are as follows: Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Health Insurance) \$1, 375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Garbage Collection) \$2,086.20, ATC Communications (Phone and Internet) \$141.32, Dearborn National (Firemen Insurance) \$17.20, DPPD (Electricity) \$1,734.68, Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas) \$94.10, Intuit (Payroll Processing) \$6.39. One Call Concepts (Diggers Hotline) \$1.92, Great Plains Tire and Services (Fuel) \$225.36, Malcom, Nelson and Windrum (Legal) \$504.00, CAMAS

Publication (Newspaper) \$74.59, Payroll \$3,170.25, American Ag Lab (Water Test) \$19.50, NE Dept of Revenue (Waste Reduction & Recycling Fee) \$25.00, NE Dept of Revenue (Sales Tax Collected) \$1,109.48, IRS (Federal Withholding) \$1,907.76, NE Dept of Revenue (State Withholding) \$152.31, Post Office (Postage) \$123.95, Staples (Office Supplies) \$116.48, Eustis Heating and Cooling (Thermostat) \$225.00, Dan McPeak (Nuisance Abatement) \$375.00, Michael Gurule (Nuisance Abatement) \$445.00, Tim Aanenson (Nuisance Abatement) \$600.00, John Deere Financial (Tractor Parts) \$527.94, Country Partners (TIF) \$13,479.88, Ray Wolcott (Nuisance Abatement) \$480.00, Rod Klein (Water School Hotel) \$249.50, D&R Computing (Printer) \$419.99.

Motion moved by Russman, seconded by Adkisson, to move into executive session as necessary for the protection of public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual or business in regards to personnel employment and compensation. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Russman, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; five approved, motion carried.

Closed session 9:53 to 10:31 PM CST.

Motion moved by Russman, seconded by Schurr, to increase the annual salary of the Village Utilities Superintendent by \$4,000. Roll vote showed: Yes – Adkisson, Russman, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, seconded by Lungrin, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 PM CST. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Widick, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.