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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings
Special Meeting
September 28, 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.

In the absence of the Chairman and the Chairman Pro Temp, Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, called the Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Board of Trustees answering roll call were Darla Lungrin, Mike Russman and Dan Widick.

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

Robyn Hermes from the Farnam Insurance Agency spoke in favor of retaining EMC as the insurance provider for the Village. She indicated that the continued business of the Village since 1986 was greatly appreciated. That EMC specializes in municipality coverage, the return of premium costs through dividends and the benefit of having local connections. She reminded the Trustees that there were some downfalls in a program such as LARM, specifically that LARM will not provide donations or volunteers for community events, that there will not be a LARM agent available in the Village, that other communities in the area have had significant rate increases, that all premiums will go up, the deadlines for bidding or changing insurance companies in the future. Nate Fox from LARM responded to these topics indicating that a LARM representative is only a phone call away and will discuss business with the Village outside of normal business hours as necessary, that the other community's rate increase was due primarily to a change in coverage, not a company wide rate increase, that the LARM office is very open in communication about upcoming deadlines for bidding or leaving the pool. Mr. Fox also reiterated a number of key points from his presentation at the September 14, 2021 meeting. No action was taken by the Board and the insurance for the Village will remain with EMC.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, presented a bid from GPAC, Inc. to remove the asbestos from the office at 315 Main St. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will look into grants to help with cost coverage of this project.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, shared information about what was requested through the water security grant. She requested funds to replace locks on the pump houses and to purchase security cameras for both pump houses.

Brad Slaughter was available by phone to explain funding options for the Main Street repaving project. The first option is to create a Street Improvement District via Ordinance. During the majority of the project, the Village would be required to only pay interest. After the Civil Engineer certifies that at least 85% of the project is completed, permanent financing would be established. The Street Improvement District can assess taxable property above the current lid limit. A second option is to pledge part of the annual highway allocation funds received from the State to paying for the Main Street repaving project. By choosing this option, interest rates are locked in at the beginning of the project. This funding option will not allow assessment above the current lid limit.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised the Board that our current Health Board is not complete as indicated by Ordinance. A third, medically trained member must be appointed to the Board to achieve compliance.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, advised the Board on the progress made on properties that were formally declared nuisances.

Review of Chapter 1, Articles 5 through 8 were reviewed. No changes were recommended.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The next special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on October 26, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Russman; three approved, motion carried.