REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

 STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, Janury 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Hall in a publicly convened meeting the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advanced publicized notice. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Greg Peterson, Vane Rengstorf, and Sean Moss. Absent: Scott Buss. Others present: Leroy Riensche, Audrey Keebler, Eldon Wilken, Steve Mercure, Todd Blome, and Spencer Pagel. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Hall.

Rengstorf made a motion to allow the following bills and Moss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-686.55; Brenda Brammeier, cleaning-40.00; BMG, fee-91.10; Constellation Energy, fuel freight-645.88; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; D.J. Gongol & Associates, pump-5675.70; Hawkins, Inc. sup.-291.70; Home and Farm Insurance, ins.-8278.00; Jet Stop, fuel-239.81; Kuhl Trenching & Excavating, Inc-1102.50; Leroy Riensche, sup.-14.66; MCI, phones-4.99; Menninga Electronics, maint.-40.00; Midwest Laboratories, Inc, fee-347.00; NPHEL, fee-15.00; Nestor & Mercure, fee-3291.88; NPPD, electricity, 2394.70; One Call Concepts, fee-13.95; Kaye Heusman, cleaning-40.00; Payroll-6882.89; Payroll Taxes-1614.07; Spencer Pagel, sup.-9.98; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-23.74; Sterling Lumber, sup./shop repairs-474.74; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-121.58; Voice News, pub.-252.76; Waymire Well Drilling, sup.-43.68; Windstream, phones-351.63; Wusk Repair, sup.-114.63; Susan Wilken, DVDs-40.00; Demco, library sup.-67.54; Amazon, library books-85.36; Tecumseh Chieftain, renewal-34.00; Board member fees-Heusman-650.00; Rengstorf-325.00; Moss-300.00; Peterson-250.00; Buss-250.00; Total: $40,453.02.

Jennifer Vermeer’s wages as backup village clerk were discussed. Heusman made a motion to accept wages as discussed and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Todd Blome, BMG CPAs, reviewed audited financials concerning major expenditures and revenues. No issues were found with this audit.

Chairman Heusman made these personnel appointments: village maintenance superintendent-Spencer Pagel/clerk-treasurer-Samantha Grof/librarian-Susan Wilken/zoning administration-Steve Weiss/attorney-Steve Mercure. These committee appointments were made: streets-Buss and Heusman/water and wastewater-Buss and Heusman/cemetery-Rengstorf and Peterson/trash and brush site-Heusman and Moss/insurance-Rengstorf/grants-Peterson/parks and recreation-Buss and Peterson/tree board-Moss and Heusman. Personnel and committees were approved in a motion by Moss and seconded by Rengstorf. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, and Leroy Riensche, temporary utility superintendent, reported on the following subjects: closing the park for the winter, getting a bid from Sterling Lumber on siding, and cutting trees by the old depot. Training for Spencer Pagel was discussed. Rengstorf made a motion to allow Heusman to sign checks for training for Spencer Pagel and Russ Urwin and Moss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. Ivan Heusman has officially retired. Heusman discussed cameras not being compatible-going to get ahold of Big Red or Diode. Discussion of delinquent bills tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board Samantha Grof and Jennifer Vermeer, Village Clerks