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, January 8, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. at the Village Office in a publicly convened meeting the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advanced publicized notice at the following locations: First Bank of Nebraska-Sterling, Sterling Public Library, USPS-Sterling, and Village of Sterling City Offices. Chairman John Keizer called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Ralph Wusk, Tom Nieveen, Andy Thies, and Steve Lempka. Others present: Audrey Keebler, Spencer Pagel, Mary Lafferty, Wilma Nieveen, Jerry Turnbull, Vane Rengstorf, Rick Parrish, Roger Huls, Luke & Ranee Helmick, Sean & Ashley Moss, and Becky McAuliffe.

Chairman Keizer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Village Office. Chairman Keizer led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Lempka made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the change reading Nieveen nominated John Keizer as chairman and Wusk seconded the motion not Wusk nominating and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to allow the bills to include the following Chris Salberg $75.00 for mower, SKILLS $300 for mowing, and Scott’s Place for $325 and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Wusk, Nieveen, Keizer, and Thies. Obstained: Lempka. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: American Legal Publishing, code books-650.00; Black Hills Energy, heating-845.67; Constellation, heating-219.96; City of Tecumseh, handibus-300.00; First Bank of NE, fee-20.00; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-387.50; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-497.38; Independent Salt Company, salt-957.83; Jet Stop, fuel-197.98; Kerner True Value, sup.-106.49; Melly’s Housekeeping Services, cleaning-40.00; Midwest Labs, sewer samples-151.00; Nestor & Mecure, fees-4621.66; NR Marketing, website-375.00; NPHEL, fees-15.00; NPPD electricity-2249.93; One Call Concepts, diggers hotline-25.29; Payroll December, payroll-4723.26; December Payroll Taxes, taxes-1125.65; Schuette Electric, fire hall repairs-173.00; S & L Lawn Care, maint.-8900.00; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Sterling Public Schools, license monies-20.00; Steve Lempka, plaque-26.75; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-108.36; Tecumseh Chieftain, library renewal-38.00; USPS, stamps-Library-100.00; USPS, stamps-100.00; Voice News, publishing-111.09; Windstream, telephone-382.95; Wusk Repair, repairs-15.95; Waste Connections, refuse-4408.04; Board Member Fees: Greg Peterson-400.00, Dennis Heusman-200.00, Andy Thies-200.00, Bill Moss-150.00, Steve Lempka-175.00, John Keizer-125.00, Ralph Wusk-75.00, Tom Nieveen-75.00; Wilma Nieveen, cemetery fees-250.00; Roger Huls, zoning admin.-750.00. Total: $35,593.74.

Luke Helmick read complaint about Jason Othmer’s grain bins, machinery, anhydrous tanks, noise, culverts, etc. Proposed having a fence put up to the South and West of property. Ranee brought up concern with driving heavy equipment on culverts. Conditional use permit was issued in the past. Mecure suggested to assign a committee to go down and check to see if Othmer is following his conditional use permit and then also, check on downgrading streets. Audrey Keebler brought up concern with getting rock on South Main Street. Keizer discussed waiting until street is dry to get rock down. Decided to put a load down for the time being and look at more in the spring if need be.

Keizer amended the agenda to include Iowa Pumpworks pump discussion.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, discussed the submersible pump bid from Iowa Pumpworks.

Jerry Turnbull discussed replacing pumps with two new submersible pumps to replace older worn out single pump we are using currently. Thies made a motion to purchase equipment from Iowa Pumpworks for two new submersible pumps for $19,721.87 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Need to get an estimate on concrete ring.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, reported on getting a map from Waste Connections for trash pickup being on certain sides of the street, Urban Development Application, and also advertising on the fence at the park. Board decided to offer advertising space to surrounding communities, Tecumseh and Adams.

Property clean ups were discussed with proper action taking place.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, reported on a letter from the state for resurfacing highway 41 that are in flood areas that needs his signature. Rick Parrish discussed changing Tecumseh Street and replotting his property for development. Proposed narrowing street to 50 feet but would be a dead-end Street up against Shea’s property, otherwise we keep the street 80 feet and leave lots how they are with just two sellable lots. Wusk made a motion to support the selling of two lots and supply water, sewer, and street to the lots on Tecumseh Street and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Wusk, Nieveen, Keizer, and Lempka. Obtained: Thies. Motion carried.

Mecure discussed that having a cemetery board member live out of town is up to the cemetery board and shouldn’t be a major issue.

Keizer discussed part time snow removal. Nieveen made a motion to pay independent snow removal contractors $20 per hour for snow removal at the discretion of the utility superintendent or chairman of the board and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Becky McAuliffe addressed the board asking for a temporary liquor license for the Sterling Community Association Wine & Ale Festival on February 9th. Lempka made a motion to approve the temporary liquor license for the Wine & Ale Festival on February 9th and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Street bids were discussed with the 1 & 6 year hearing coming next month and to try to get a plan together before it gets too late in the year for street repairs. The street committee is going to get together and have a plan by the next meeting so we can get it out for bids.

Keizer read **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, RELATING TO GENERAL OFFENSES; TO PROHIBIT THE VACANCY OF PROPERTIES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE** as a second time reading.

Fire Hall Rental Agreement was tabled until board members could read example farther in depth. Camera at dump site was tabled as well due to a guy being let go at Big Red resulting in no communication as to what we were looking for.

Keizer discussed the community center update as to having talked with Voss & Associates about the engineering stamp on the foundation, still need to get with someone about the HVAC and electrical stamp.

Lempka discussed the Fire Hall needing some more electrical outlets in the truck bay for use of roasters on separate electrical outlets for events such as the Sterling picnic. Lempka made a motion to accept Schuette Electric’s bid for $461 for installing four electrical outlets on separate breakers in the Fire Hall and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Thies made a motion to go into executive at 9:01 to discuss pending litigation and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:15 and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Keizer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 and Lempka seconded the motion.

John Keizer, Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk