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 9, 2018 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 at the following locations: First Bank of Nebraska-Sterling, Sterling Public Library, USPS-Sterling, and Village of Sterling City Offices. Chairman Greg Peterson called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Steve Lempka, Dennis Heusman, Andy Thies, and Bill Moss. Others present: Audrey Keebler, Vane Rengstorf, Brandon VanderMey, Roger Moss, Daniel Fraley, Spencer Pagel, and Roger Huls.

Chairman Peterson acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Hall. Chairman Peterson led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Lempka made a motion to accept special meeting minutes and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Lempka, Heusman, Moss, and Peterson. Obstained: Thies. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Heusman, Peterson, Thies, and Lempka. Obstained: Moss. Lempka made a motion to allow the bills to include the following and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Al Wusk Electric, repairs-243.39; Amazon.com, lib. Sup.-108.34; Black Hills, heating-663.45; BMG CPA’s, accouting-94.80; Brinkman Bros., bumper-1196.23; Constellation, heating-602.53; December Payroll, payroll-4569.33; December Payroll Taxes, taxes-1121.12; Farmers Cooperative, sup-16.00; First Bank of Nebraska, fee-20.00; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-643.23; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-117.50; Hamilton, bobcat sup-677.08; Harland Check-office sup.-146.18; Jet Stop, fuel-289.69; Kerner True Value, sup.-102.97; Leroy Riensche, remainder of HRA account-2213.18; Melly’s Housekeeping, cleaning-40.00; Menninga Electronics, maint.-90.00; Nestor & Mecure Attorneys, legal fees-6408.10; NPHEL, fees-15.00; NPPD, electricity-2510.55; Olsson Associates, fees-77.00; One Call Concepts, fee—37.11; Pavers, street repairs-37401.65; Recycling Enterprises, recycle-360.00; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-154.30; Southeast Sewer & Septic, repairs-1247.08; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Sterling Lumber, repairs-1121.94; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Sunrise Publications, publishing-127.51; Tecumseh Chieftain, lib. Renewal-35.00; Unico, bond-200.00; USPS, sup.-147.00; Voice News, publishing-190.00; Waste Connections, refuse-4134.48; Windstream, telephone-381.73; Wusk Repair, sup.-31.00; Greg Peterson, board chairman fees-500.00; Dennis Heusman, board member fees-250.00; Steve Lempka, board member fees-200.00; Bill Moss, board member fees-225.00; Andy Thies, board member fees-175.00; Roger Huls, zoning admin. Fees-750.00. Total: $59,764.53.

Todd Blume, BMG CPA’s, presented and reviewed audited financials.

Brandon from Maguire Iron presented the water tower maintenance program adjusted to be comparable to Suez/Utility Services.

Thies made a motion to accept Maguire Iron’s bid for water tower maintenance program and gave authorization to chairman to execute the contract and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Vane Rengstorf would like to see streets at cemetery cleared off faster than a week later. Also, don’t want it salted due to it killing grass.

Peterson added approve zoning change under amend the agenda.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, still hasn’t received any information on barricades that were ordered. Also, Doug Schmidt will be getting ahold of Ensor’s this week to get Depot building out of there. Scott’s Place is in the process of redoing their sewer in the alley. Curb stop is messed up at Dareld Weber’s house so Kuhl is going to be coming to town to fix it.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, reported on switching internet over at Library so the speed was faster.

Greg Peterson discussed upcoming appreciation dinner.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, reported on e-mail from Chuck Chase on flood plain study. Class on flood plain offered in Fairbury in February that we should look into. Heusman made a motion to accept the lot split application for A&N ADD Lots 10-12 Blk 13 for Tony Castillo and Neal Hollis and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson discussed zoning change for Sterling Community Association from medium density residential to general commercial district. Lempka made a motion to accept the application for change of zoning from Sterling Community Association, A&N ADD Lots 1 THRU 12 BLK 16, from medium density residential to general commercial and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Peterson spoke with county about concrete and they weren’t interested in it. Heusman talked to Doug about hauling away concrete, he would put in a bid on it. Put concrete and asphalt up for bids, everything or nothing in bids. Street and Intersection improvements were discussed, should just set aside 5-6 blocks a year to get fixed so we don’t get behind. Peterson discussed having someone be an alternate zoning member because of members being gone, Kirstin McAuliffe was interested in being an alternate. Moss made a motion to accept Kirstin McAuliffe as an alternate zoning member and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson also discussed job descriptions for clerk, utility superintendent, librarian, and summer recreation director.

Samantha discussed all in one computer price from Best Buy. Lempka made a motion to purchase a computer for the library along with Microsoft Office for a limit of $600 and Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Jorgensen Surveying looked at Sterling Ave. between Maple Street and Atchison Street. Need him to come back and survey Sterling Ave.

Heusman made a motion to accept Eric McDonald’s bid for the 1996 Ford Pickup for $2350.00 and Todd Boellstorff’s bid for the 1975 Dodge Dump Truck for $650.00 and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Letter from Hubka & Hubka was discussed pertaining to Nellie Behrens rehab grant. Mecure is going to send them a letter.

Clean-up properties were discussed. Mecure is going to file an injunction against Meyer, complaint against Ross, and default judgement on Behrens.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and letters will be sent out then shut off if not paid.

Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 and Heusman seconded the motion.

Greg Peterson, Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk