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, October 10, 2017 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: Spencer Pagel, Roger Moss, Vane Rengstorf, John Moss, Gary Miller, and Todd Zeilinger. 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.

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from regular meeting with change of wording from ordinance to resolution when pertaining to ATV/UTV three time reading requirement, Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to approve public hearing minutes, Thies seconded motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to allow the following bill, and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Aqua-Chem, sup.-106.65; Barco, signs-54.96; Black Hills, heating-114.77; Duane Sugden, repairs-196.54; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-51.85; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-46.98; JEO Consulting Group, zoning update-250.00; Jet Stop, Inc., fuel-254.21; Melly’s Housekeeping Services, cleaning-40.00; Menards, sup.-838.01; Menninga Electronics, clock maint.-60.00; Midwest Lab, fee-66.11; NPHEL, fee-15.00; NPPD, electricity-2671.50; One Call Concepts, diggers-4.92; Recycling Enterprises, recycle-240.00; September payroll, payroll-6240.37; September payroll taxes, taxes-1562.78; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Stan Borcher Mowing, mowing-969.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Sunrise Publications, publishing-314.71; Trauernicht Brothers Stump Removal, maint.-700.00; Utilities Section, fee-562.00; Voice News, publishing-286.68; Waste Connections, trash-4134.48; Waymire, sup.-10.77; Windstream, telephone-377.15; Wusk Power, sup.-120.10. Total: $20,943.54.

Gary Miller brought up concern about alley being sprayed. Used to be grass and now it’s a mud hole. Need to check it out and possibly reseed if necessary.

Peterson amended agenda to add plow and salt spreader bids.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, discussed ceiling above well in City Hall getting worse from roof leaking and got old desk torn out of office so it’s ready for carpet. Also, said Doug is getting with Ensor out of Tecumseh to remove Depot building.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, brought up public hearing next Tuesday, October 17th and making sure at least three people could attend or it would have to be rescheduled.

Peterson discussed Meyer property cleanup and court coming up Monday to be given an injunction. Sean Moss needs a letter for property cleanup. Denny and Steve are going to discuss property cleanups with Dean Young and Bill Nichols in alley off of Broadway Street. Steve and Greg are going to talk to Pella and Behrens about property cleanups. Peterson made a motion to declare Andrew Ross, Randall Davison, and Brent Daniels properties a public nuisance, Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Peterson discussed culvert clean outs, Wilma Nieveen’s and Bill Moss’s need cleaned out. Lempka is going to get with Spencer and get them flushed out next week. Lempka said we need to put rock on Sterling Ave. between Washington St. and Maple Street.

Todd Zeilinger from Zeilinger Keno discussed possibly getting rid of keno or putting it up for bid for another agreement. Need to discuss with Mecure and vote on at special meeting.

Fence bids were discussed from AFL Fences but will wait until spring. Get snow fence for ball field for next year.

Table surveying properties until after harvest. Street was discussed by Zuhlke and Wusk, need to discuss with Olsson’s on how to block street off. Peterson still hasn’t heard back from Olsson’s on water meters still waiting to hear what next step is. Carpet and paint bids were discussed looked at Jim’s Carpet, Staack Furniture, and Paint and Paper Pals. Thies made a motion to accept Staack Furniture’s bid for $2450 for carpet tile and possible floor prep for $100 and Spencer could remove and dispose of old carpet, and also, Paint & Paper Pals, Inc. for $1630 plus $150 for painting doors, Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson discussed water tower painting with Maguire Iron and Utility Services. Need to have Utility Services come to meeting in November to discuss bids. Truck bids were discussed from Brinkman’s Brothers and Field Ford. Heusman discussed possibly talking to Copple for a used truck. Thies made a motion to accept Brinkman Brothers bid for $30,170 for a new pickup, Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Lempka, Thies, Moss, Peterson Nay: Heusman. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to accept the bid for the Western 8” poly plow for $4,766.02, Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: Yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to accept the bid for a Western 1.8 cu. Yd. salt spreader for $5,872.42, Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Peterson discussed employee handbook/personnel manual changes. Change 7.1 to read Employees will normally be scheduled to work from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also, change 9.2 to read All employee hours worked over forty hours each week will be recorded as comp time. Change 12.3 to read Hourly employees shall be paid at a rate of $16 per hour for drive time and time at conferences, conventions, training, and meetings. Also, change 12.4 #9 to read Unused vacation time that is not used by end of year does not carry over to following calendar year. Also, 9.2 #3 to read Maximum comp time is 80 hours and 10 hours may be carried over the following calendar year. Peterson made a motion to approve the personnel manual with the above changes, Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Discussed vacant property lot owner letter, board members are going to sign letter and send out to Mr. Shea.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and shut off notices will be posted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M. (Next regular meeting will be held November 14th at 7:00 P.M.)

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