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 8, 2019 at 7:00 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 (temporarily closed so no notice posted), and Village of Sterling City Offices. Chairman John Keizer called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Ralph Wusk, Andy Thies, and Steve Lempka. Absent: Tom Nieveen. Others present: Audrey Keebler, Marissa Lempka, Spencer Pagel, Daniel Fraley, Kevin McAuliffe, Scott Harrington, and Roger Moss.

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 consent agenda: which includes approval of public hearing, special meeting, and regular meeting minutes; approval of bills including SCA Building Account Conn Construction for $42,965.42 and NIFCO Mechanical Services for $16,000 and no amendments to the agenda and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Arbor Day Foundation, dues-15.00; Barco, signs-592.02; Black Hills, heating-76.79; BMG CPA’s, accountant-200.00; Constellation, heating-8.00; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-169.31; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-243.47; Hamilton Equipment, sup-17.15; Jet Stop, village bucks reimb.-20.00; Jet Stop, fuel-348.68; Midwest Lab., sup.-70.10; NR Marketing, 375.00; NPHEL, fees-500.00; NPPD, electricity-2315.09; One Call Concepts, fees-19.19; Payroll September, payroll-5339.83; September Payroll Taxes, taxes-1269.97; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Susan Wilken, payroll-313.99; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-114.72; Trauernicht Brothers, stump removal-175.00; USPS, sup-178.50; Voice News, publishing-252.87; Windstream, telephone-393.15; Waste Connections, refuse-4556.06; Wusk Repair, repairs-141.60. Total: $18,305.49.

Scott Harrington & Kevin McAuliffe came representing the Sterling Board of Education discussing goals including coming to Village meetings in Sterling and Douglas. McAuliffe discussed: getting crosswalks repainted by both the school and park, snow removal boundaries asking that we help out by clearing in the front of the school where bus’s park like has been done in the past, and having a bus stop in town on the North side by Bob & Brenda Brammeier’s possibly with having alley by water tower snow cleared for turning around.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, 3D Asphalt was in town today so should be working on street repairs tomorrow, account is set up at Hancock Lumber, received a bid from Kioti for lawnmower bid but need to ask Wusk Repair for a bid as well, snow pusher bid was $1900 and repairs were $1095 for the last year, received bids for backstop repairs, gas main getting replaced on Main Street tomorrow, new skid steer coming this week, and Fire Marshall coming to flush fire suppression line and pressure test lines at new community center. Lempka made a motion to accept Bobcat of Lincoln’s quote for an 8-foot snow pusher with trade in of old one for $1900 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Roger Moss discussed getting a bid for pipe for drainage by Dion’s with needing approximately seventy feet of pipe. Thies made a motion to set a price of up to $4000 for East Locust Street and Nebraska Street drainage repairs from Moss Trucking and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed holding the 1 & 6 year public hearing next month and also issuing Village Bucks to residents for recognition. Mecure stated that it shouldn’t be an problem since we’d just be collecting then reimbursing the local business.

John Keizer, chairman of the board, will be gone October 9-24th for vacation and Andy will be filling in as the pro temp., and discussed the vacant property registration questions. Received two signed registration forms and need to correct one to commercial instead of residential. Recurring utility payments resolution was discussed to pay ongoing utility bills in case of due date falling prior to meetings. Keizer made a motion to authorize payments of monthly utility bills as received in the case of due date falling prior to meetings and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Spoke with 3D Asphalt and their contract stated that they would like payment when they are done with work. Thies made a motion to pay second half of 3D Asphalt in the amount of $11,816.82 upon completion and satisfaction of work and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Property cleanups were discussed.

Marissa Lempka, zoning administrator, zoning meeting Thursday, discussed the replacing of windows needing a permit due to improvements of real property provision of $2500 and up, reviewing fee schedule for consistency, discussion of changing height requirements on fence up to eight foot, and discussing changing side wall requirements. Going to discuss with zoning board and make a zoning amendment to include the $2500 provision.

Plan for working meeting for comprehensive plan update is tabled until next month and might include a school board member for updating. Community Building doors and windows are up, fire marshal is set up to come inspect, SCA has bills paid to date but need to request remainder of grant for other bills coming in, Lauren Weyers received trees through a grant to place around the building, and fundraising will be starting up again soon. Water meter discussion was tabled. Zito Media contract was discussed, two communities have seen less complaints lately than this summer, Tecumseh has Spectrum but prices are continuously going up. Board agreed to respond that we are waiting a while to sign renewal contract until we notice less complaints on our end.

Lempka made a motion to allow the Sterling Boosters Club to block off Broadway Street from Main Street to Lincoln Street and Main Street south to E. Locust Street for trunk or treat and was seconded by Thies. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

John Keizer introduced the RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-3 SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPALITY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLAINCE FORM. Wusk made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-3 SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPALITY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLAINCE FORM and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR EHMEN’S SECOND ADDITION TO STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA has been removed from the agenda with no action taken. FEMA updates were discussed with RFQ being sent out for bids with a due date of October 21st, might need to hold a special meeting to go over these to keep the ball rolling. NPPD primary and secondary power for Ehmen’s bids were discussed from Gilland Electric and Waymire Well. Lempka made a motion to approve with property owner’s discretion to meet with NPPD standards to install primary and secondary power and if NPPD requires a contractor then approval of Gilland Electric’s bid for $6056.51 to be recouped as properties are sold and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Wusk made a motion to go into executive session at 9:06 to discuss personnel matters and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:10 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

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