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 9, 2018 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, and Village of Sterling City Offices. Chairman Greg Peterson called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Steve Lempka, Dennis Heusman, and Andy Thies. Absent: Bill Moss. Others present: Audrey Keebler, Doug Schmidt, Roger Huls, Vane Rengstorf, Rick Parrish, Tony Castillo, Roger Moss, Tim Norris, Dean Borcher, Stan Borcher, and Spencer Pagel.

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

Rick Parrish discussed bridge down by his place being washed out under fittings. And also, has been working with BJ Burrows on getting ready to sell lots that he owns. Going to have Jorgensen’s survey lots next week. Tecumseh Street would need to be complete so that two properties would have street access. Would need to have water and sewer extended up Tecumseh Street. Town is responsible for water and sewer along street. Audrey Keebler wanted to know who would be liable for kids playing on wood and riding bicycles on property where community building is under construction. Mecure advised that the contractor should be in charge of construction site and post a no trespassing sign on property. Doug Schmidt asked for extension on building permit on his house that’s about to expire this month. Doug said that with the weather he’s been delayed but could have job done by the end of the year. Heusman made a motion to extend Doug Schmidt’s building permit for 90 days from date on permit and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Tony Castillo wanted to inform board that his house is complete and being lived in and trailer is moved so no need to extend building permit. Tim Norris discussed buildings and values for insurance purposes, inland marine coverage, terrorism insurance coverage, and also identity theft. Need to go back through and figure better values on buildings for next meeting.

Peterson made a motion to add an amendment to our current tower space agreement that would allow Future Technologies to add equipment to the Sterling Water Tower and allow them access to the tower and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Heusman made a motion to accept the public hearing meeting minutes and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to allow the bills to include the following and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to transfer $4,500 from Keno to General to pay for rock from Lincoln Concrete and Thies seconded motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to pay Sterling Lumber $95,961.83 for remainder of building and foundation and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon.com, lib. Sup-37.08; BMG CPA’s, accountant-272.40; Caspers Tree Service, tree removal-1000.00; Constellation, heating-3.77; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-1088.62; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-28.40; Roger Huls, repairs-156.50; Home and Farm Insurance, ins.-8625.00; Jet Stop, fuel-309.57; Kerner True Value, sup-41.96; Kuhl Trenching, repairs-1300.00; Lincoln Concrete, rock-4990.00; Melly’s Housekeeping Services, cleaning-80.00; Municipal Chemical Supply, sup.-276.62; Midwest Labs, sup.-66.11; NPHEL, fees-15.00; NPPD, electricity-2615.78; NR Marketing LLC, website-375.00; Olsson Associates, consulting-38.50; One Call Concepts, diggers-45.60; Recycling Enterprises, recycle-480.00; September Payroll, payroll-4755.76; September Payroll Taxes, taxes-1130.58; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Stan Borcher Mowing, mowing-1938.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-20.64; USPS, sup.-150.00; Voice News, publishing-207.59; Waste Connections, refuse-4349.92; Waymire, repairs-221.99; Windstream, telephone-383.51; Andrew Ross, refund-387.22; Wusk Repair, repairs-121.95. Total: $36,113.07.

Amend agenda to include discussion of vacant property registration ordinance and culverts.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, discussed hydrant pressure being tested by community building and we don’t need to install 6” mains to building. Brought up a live tap tie in being $403 more compared to shutting off enter town to get water service installed to community building. Peterson made a motion to accept the bid from Municipal Supply for $3708.91 for tapping water line in for community building and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Austin will be home and will help with putting up railroad ties under water tower. Also, discussed needing a different laptop because it quit working looking at spending $400-$500 on a decent laptop. Walnut log disappeared over the weekend. Need to try to keep rural trash site cleaned up by letting customers know or move dumpsters back so fence keeps it contained.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed Southeastern Nebraska Risk Management Seminar in Auburn, NE if anyone wanted to go.

Greg Peterson, village chairman, discussed gym floor table with Thies, isn’t going to work because it’s too fragile. Peterson and Heusman are going to choose a yard of the month. Klay is still needing to get concrete under generator. Zoning books need turned in before December meeting. Need to start discussing appreciation dinner, Lempka will be in charge of organizing.

There were no committee reports.

ATV-UTV and golf car ordinances are tabled until next month.

Culvert on E. Locust Street was discussed today with Matt Schardt and Les Agena. Schardt recommended to put a tube in and direct it to the West. Spencer pumped it out today but filled back up right away.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, next meeting is first Wednesday in December. After election we can update first page of comprehensive plan. Also, discussed getting electricity to Ehmen’s addition lots and getting bid from NPPD. Mecure discussed that developer should be responsible to getting electricity to property. Need to discuss with Ehmen and discuss at a regular meeting.

Mecure discussed vacant property registration ordinance so that if a property is vacant property needs to be registered with clerk then after six months if property is still vacant the village can access a fee every 180 days thereafter.

Property cleanups were discussed. Attorney letter will be sent out if nothing is done by November.

Lempka made a motion to go into executive session at 9:14 to discuss pending litigation and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:26 and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 and Peterson seconded the motion.

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