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, February 12, 2019 at 7:48 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: Emily, Annie, Audrey Keebler, Spencer Pagel, Lee Warnsholz, Gary Miller, Todd Blome, and Roger Huls.

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.

Wusk made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to allow the bills to include the following League of Municipalities for $325 for John to attend the conference and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve Waymire bill for digging at Community Center $90.00 and NIFCO for sprinklers at Community Center $2000.00 from the SCA Building Account and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon.com, library sup.-20.12; Arbor Day Foundation, dues-15.00; Aqua Chem, chemicals-179.10; Black Hills Energy, heating-910.41; BMG CPA’s, accountant-655.80; Constellation, heating-1539.89; Farmers Coop, fuel-18.49; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-15.81; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-32.15; Hamilton Equipment, sup.-449.73; Roger Huls, repairs/snow removal-366.09; Jet Stop, fuel-478.58; Johnson County Clerk, fees-106.55; Lincoln Concrete Specialists, rock-1007.50; Magure Iron, water tower-46535.00; Melly’s Housekeeping Services, cleaning-40.00; Midwest Labs, sewer samples-171.00; NR Marketing, website-375.00; NPHEL, fees-15.00; NPPD electricity-2490.62; Payroll January, payroll-4684.51; January Payroll Taxes, taxes-1119.73; Recycling Enterprises, recycle-720.00; Schuette Electric, fire hall repairs-461.00; Sean Moss, snow removal-610.00; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-34.97; Southeast Area Clerks Association, dues-10.00; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-92.88; USPS, stamps-Library-100.00; Voice News, publishing-135.92; Windstream, telephone-384.36; Wusk Repair, repairs-16.00; Waste Connections, refuse-4349.92. Total: $68,741.13.

Thies made a motion to adopt the one-year and six-year street improvement program as amended and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote yeas: all. Motion carried.

Todd Blome, BMG CPA’s, reviewed audited financials concerning major expenditures and revenues. No issues were found with this audit.

Amend the agenda to include Sterling Community Association using the Fire Hall for their 2nd annual pitch tournament March 9th. Thies made a motion to allow SCA to use the Fire Hall for the pitch tournament on March 9th and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, reported on a water main break at 480 Maple Street, has salt on order for next week, and got a bid from Kuhl to rip, grade, and pack Lincoln Street from Broadway to Locust St. Also, need to do something about salt storage right now it’s getting moisture to it and clumping up. Board decided to have Roger see what he could do with making a roll up tarp to block out moisture and keep it sealed up. Lastly, Blue Valley Door Company is going to be coming to look at Fire Hall doors.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, reported on the need to advertise locally for a recreations director for summer ball that is coming up and also advertise for a mowing contract.

John discussed going to the League of Municipalities training in Lincoln and also that he will be on vacation in April so Thies would need to be in charge of meeting.

Property clean ups were discussed with proper action taking place. Also, board discussed town wide clean up.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, a letter has been sent out to Doug Schmidt reminding him of renewing building permit, Spencer has done a great job with snow removal, dust from Jet Stop parking lot has been getting some complaints from neighboring property owners, requesting to change flood plain, Dareld Weber’s demo is still not complete so needing to send a reminder letter out, need a new computer tower for zoning office, and NPPD overhead project needs to be looked over by Mecure.

Emily from Olsson’s spoke with Brandon about bridges but waiting for weather to get a little better before they come down to inspect them. Board thought a box culvert might be possible in fixing the issue but would be a big expense.

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 third time reading. Lempka made a motion to move Ordinance 2018-6 **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** for final passage and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Fire Hall Rental Agreement was discussed with changing our deposit to $200, agreement will be retyped and set for approval at the next board meeting.

Big Red Communications responded to camera at dump site saying that they would prefer not to come in on an existing system or try to add to it since it wasn’t something they had worked on in the past. Board decided to go ahead and have them come up with a bid on replacing the current system and adding a remote camera to dump site.

Keizer discussed the community center update and receiving a bid for mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering from Geary Engineering, Inc. Thies made a motion to approve Geary Engineering Inc.’s bid for $3,800 for mechanical, $3800 for electrical, and $1800 for plumbing engineering services and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to go into executive at 9:20 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 9:34 and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Thies made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 and Wusk seconded the motion.

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