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, March 12, 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, 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: Stan Borcher, Vane Rengstorf, Roger Huls, Steve Eickhoff, Stan & Theresa Karr, Audrey Keebler, and Spencer Pagel.

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 meeting minutes and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to allow the bills to include the following and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to approve Voss Associates Inc. for engineering on foundation for $1500 from the SCA Building Account and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon.com, library sup.-63.35; Austin Buss, snow removal-190.00; Black Hills Energy, heating-849.36; BMG CPA’s, accountant-6130.00; Constellation, heating-847.58; Farmers Cooperative, propane-16.00; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-331.39; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-491.47; Hamilton Equipment, sup.-172.88; Independent Salt Company, salt-922.35; Jet Stop, fuel-493.58; John Moss, snow removal-160.00; John Keizer, parking reimb.-15.00; Kerner True Value, sup.-28.46; Lincoln Concrete Specialists, rock-472.50; Marlin Ebbers Trucking, Inc.-trucking salt-726.70; Melly’s Housekeeping Services, cleaning-40.00; Midwest Labs, sewer samples-66.11; NR Marketing, website-375.00; NPHEL, fees-15.00; NPPD electricity-2522.35; Payroll February, payroll-4830.76; February Payroll Taxes, taxes-1142.10; Quill Corp., lib. Sup.-59.40; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-15.99; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-131.91; Voice News, publishing-107.83; Windstream, telephone-385.57; Waste Connections, refuse-4339.92. Total: $26,542.56.

Steve Eickhoff with the Sterling Fire Department wants to do water fights the day after the Sterling picnic with a beer garden and lunch at 1:00 pm. Street would need to be blocked off from Main to Washington Street. Lempka made a motion to block off the street from Main Street to Washington Street for the water fights hosted by the Sterling Fire Department and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Stan Karr came representing Waymire Well with the concern with drainage from snow pile and getting close to draining into the shop. Spencer stated that the drainage was to be fixed the prior years with a curb leading to the drain but got overlooked from Pavers. Board needs to add this to the list of repairs that needs to be done with the street maintenance. Vane Rengstorf brought up concern with snow removal not being done right away after snow and only black top being cleared. Board agreed that in the case of a funeral the cemetery would be cleared completely otherwise we could mark the lanes and try to keep it cleared but wouldn’t be a priority until after streets are cleared.

Amend the agenda to include stockpiling rock, approval of fire hall door, and drainage on Washington Street.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, discussed bad alleys like the one behind Kate Agena’s needing some dirt work and rock. Lempka discussed drainage by Norma Poppas, Spencer went and dug out a little ditch to keep it draining. Also, discussed repairing and replacing door panel on fire hall doors. Damaged door panel might be covered by insurance but would need to check into. Lempka made a motion to accept Blue Valley Doors bid for repairing and replacing door panel and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed receiving a direct number from Zito Media for customer complaints just need customer names, addresses, and phone numbers. Also, received a notice from NPPD for a renewal to our pro-agreement.

Property clean-ups were discussed.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, brought up updating the comprehensive plan, discussed that we need to get ahold of Keith Kohel about state right away intersections, and also not needing a hydrologist study if just keeping Broadway St. it’s current level and not doing an overlay.

John discussed Olsson’s hasn’t been down yet to look at bridges. Also, discussed some take aways from league conference such as legislative bulletin items and also about having a security system on all computers, which Samantha has already taken care of.

Streets were discussed with possibly doing some over coating instead of just overlaying.

Fire Hall rental agreement was discussed with making changes to law enforcement instead of local police, trash to go into superintendent dumpster, village clerk & chairman signature for approval, capacity limits, and also to include the Village of Sterling under liability.

Camera at dump site was tabled until we hear back from Big Red.

Community center project was discussed with receiving another letter from the board of engineers. Need to set up a meeting with them to discuss what all needs to be done to remedy the situation.

Cemetery mowing contract was discussed with receiving three bids: Borcher, S&L Lawn Care, and Jason Durst. Nieveen made a motion to accept S&L Lawn Care’s bid for cemetery mowing contract and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Recreations director was discussed with only one application from Austin Buss. Lempka made a motion to hire Austin Buss as recreations director for the summer and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

John discussed water meters and pits, thinking pits weren’t necessary. Need to get the ball rolling on the project again. Swimming pool rate discussion was discussed and going to wait until we get meters.

Library repairs were discussed due to the back door not wanting to close. Board discussed for general maintenance to just go ahead and get them fixed for things under $500 such as this back door. Also, would like receipts turned in for supplies for board approval under the town amazon account.

Nebraska Street was discussed and Mecure will draft up a resolution.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and action will be taken.

Spencer discussed sending out a do not flush flyer to send out.

Keizer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 and Wusk seconded the motion.

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