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, April 10, 2018 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: Mary Lafferty, Spencer Pagel, Roger Moss, Clarence Hagstrom, Audrey Keebler, Vane Rengstorf, and Eldon & Sue Wilken.

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.

Lempka made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to allow the bills to include the following and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Al Wusk Electric, repairs-27.50; Amazon.com, lib. Sup-71.05; Black Hills, heating-675.90; BMG CPA’s, accountant-135.45; Constellation, heating-544.25; Farmers Coop, propane-39.58; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-204.55; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-206.88; Jet Stop, fuel-298.47; Klay Heusman, concrete-1402.50; Lincoln Concrete Specialists, rock-1890.00; March Payroll, payroll-5994.62; March Payroll Taxes, taxes-1436.20; Menninga Electronics, maintenance-97.69; Midwest Farmers Coop, sup.-160.07; Nebraska Department of Revenue, taxes-454.59; Nebraska Rural Water Association, dues-125.00; NPHEL, fees-15.00; NPPD, electricity-2429.50; NR Marketing LLC, website-1740.00; Olsson Associates, fees-703.31; One Call Concepts, diggers hotline-18.96; Recycling Enterprises, recycle-240.00; Roger Huls, sup.-98.47; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-33.94; Southeast Sewer and Septic, repairs-450.00; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-299.18; USPS, stamps-150.00; Voice News, publishing-251.21; Waste Connections, refuse-4339.92; Windstream, telephone-382.41; Wusk Power, sup.-133.95. Total: $25,650.15.

Mary Lafferty, NR Marketing LLC, discussed changes to website and wants to add pictures of board members and keep website updated. Peterson made a motion to accept NR Marketing LLC’s bid for $375 per month on a month to month basis as long as we determine she is needed to keep the website updated and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Mary also discussed visual options for a new Sterling sign and wanted board members to vote on one of three different options.

Peterson discussed Jimmy & Susan Williams temporary liquor license for May 12th, 2018 at the Sterling Fire Hall. Lempka made a motion to approve Jimmy & Susan Williams temporary liquor license for May 12, 2018 at the Sterling Fire Hall and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Moss, Heusman, Lempka, and Peterson. Obstained: Thies. Motion carried.

Audrey Keebler discussed having Spruce Street surveyed. Last surveyed in February of 2003 so just need to find lot pins and stake it to see where property line is.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, well is fixed and water is okay to drink. Pumping more water per foot now with new baring’s. Heater in well house quit working so new heater was ordered and Gilland Electric is going to install it when it comes in. Also, discussed water tower color with Maguire Iron and about possibly showing us some examples of our color schemes that we have in mind so that we can make the final decision. Street by Goracke and Masur needs rocked. Lempka made a motion to rock Sterling Ave. between Maple Street and Washington Street and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Built a nail drag today and dragged the ball field this afternoon to try to get dried out.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed water shut off notices no longer being allowed to be posted on customers doors but need to find out details on this for sure for next meeting. Ordered new open meetings act poster and frame for Village Office. Will be off for at least a week starting Monday for surgery. Also, looked into on-deck circle turf mats for ball field. Peterson is going to look up some local stores for availability so it doesn’t take four weeks to get. Board approved to purchase out of Keno fund.

Peterson discussed property clean ups. Lempka mentioned waiting for town clean up to finish up then to discuss the ordinances one on one with property owners that have properties needing cleaned up.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, issued one certificate of occupancy to Pat and Amy Goracke and an open house is scheduled.

Peterson discussed having committees get together to get bids, draft up letters, etc. with monthly reports at meetings. Peterson discussed street repair bids, need to get committee together to send out another bid letter with new plan on street repairs and have a special meeting on April 26th to discuss. Summer help was discussed with hiring Austin and Zach back this summer and possibly have Cameron and Cameron on an as needed basis. Peterson made a motion to hire Austin and Zach back this summer and have both Cameron’s on an as needed basis and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Moss, Heusman, Peterson, and Thies. Obstained: Lempka. Motion carried. Need to get ahold of Sterling Lumber to get Fire Hall building fixed before Sterling picnic. Get message out to residents in case of emergency to use Fire Hall with generator. Lempka forgot about conference table so will bring information to next month’s meeting.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and letters will be sent out then shut off if not paid.

Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 and Lempka seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

STERLING VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Sterling Village Board of Trustees met in special session on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:45 P.M. at the Sterling Fire Hall. Chairman Peterson opened the meeting with the following trustees present: Steve Lempka, Andy Thies, and Dennis Heusman. Absent: Bill Moss. Others present: Roger Huls, Clarence Hagstrom, Jeff Ray, Audrey Keebler, Eldon and Sue Wilken, Mary Lafferty, Spencer Pagel, Vane Rengstorf, and Roger Moss. Chairman Peterson acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Hall. Peterson lead meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Jeff Ray, JEO Consulting Group, discussed the changes that he made to the zoning code book and map. Discussed condensing zoning districts down to just five different ones instead of ten that weren’t necessary. Pictures were added to some of the definitions as well.

Clarence Hagstrom brought up the concern about keeping up with the changes that may come. Jeff explained that they try their best to keep everyone updated on necessary changes.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:18 and Thies seconded the motion.

Greg Peterson, Board Chairman Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk