SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in special session on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Office being 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, and Village of Sterling Village Office. Pro-temp Chairman Andy Thies called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Ralph Wusk, Tom Nieveen, Steve Lempka, and John Keizer via zoom. Others present: Jim & Carrie Wenzl.

Pro-temp Chairman Thies acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the North wall. Pro-temp Chairman Thies led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Jim and Carrie Wenzl were present to discuss why their variance for their building hasn’t been reviewed and hearings been held. Discussed that material cost is on the rise and would really like to complete the building before it goes up anymore, didn’t want to order not knowing if they were going to need to change design at all. Board apologized for delay in action taking by both the zoning board and board of trustees but will get things moving and schedule hearings ASAP.

Board discussed splitting the cost of two crabapple trees for the Arbor Day event with the SCA. Nieveen made a motion to split the cost of approximately $200 with the SCA 50/50 and Keizer seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Pro-temp Chairman Thies discussed combining vacant positions with clerk position. Lempka discussed the position compared to that of Dewitt’s one full time position. Samantha had sent out an email for comparisons and only heard back from Palmyra in which John had a phone conversation with. Nieveen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:40 p.m. and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:58 p.m. and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Board discussed possible wages and benefits and tabled approve or deny position changes until the next regular meeting for more time to think and discuss.

Nieveen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Andy Thies, Pro-temp Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk