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, May 8, 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, and Andy Thies. Absent: Bill Moss. Others present: Audrey Keebler, Tony Castillo, Cindy Nichols, Vane Rengstorf, Gary Miller, Roger Huls, and Spencer Pagel.

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.

Kevin McAuliffe wasn’t at meeting to discuss concerns about neighboring property. Tony Castillo asked the board for an extension on his building permit until the end of September. Lempka stated that if it were to be extended this was the last time an extension would be granted. Heusman made a motion to extend Tony Castillo’s building permit to be moved into his house by the 30th of September and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Lempka, Heusman, and Thies. Nay: Peterson. Cindy Nichols asked what needed to be done in order to get a water hydrant installed on her property on E. Locust St. Just need to find shut off so that she knows where to put it. Also, asked about opening a new business in town and what was required of it. Gary Miller brought up concern about alley being a mud hole due to being sprayed last summer. Ruts need fixed and then some rock added to mud hole.

Lempka made a motion to accept the public hearing meeting minutes and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to accept the special meeting minutes and Heusman 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: Amazon.com, lib. Sup-276.06; Black Hills, heating-611.23; BMG CPA’s, accountant-188.00; Buss Pest Control, pest control-120.00; Constellation, heating-464.78; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-532.89; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-218.80; Hamilton Equipment, sup-36.38; Jet Stop, fuel-312.21; JEO Consulting Group, zoning update-750.00; Lincoln Concrete Specialists, rock-2371.95; April Payroll, payroll-4483.08; April Payroll Taxes, taxes-1052.90; Midwest Farmers Coop, sup.-20.73; Nebraska Department of Revenue, taxes-522.15; NPHEL, fees-83.00; NPPD, electricity-2461.00; NR Marketing LLC, website-375.00; Sargent Drilling, repairs-23965.00; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Stan Borcher Mowing, mowing-1009.00; Sterling Lumber, repairs-1087.47; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-113.52; USPS, stamps-150.00; Voice News, publishing-121.19; Waste Connections, refuse-5503.11; Windstream, telephone-381.32. Total: $47,810.77.

Peterson amended the agenda to include water tower color and a resolution for highway repairs.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, discussed a bid from Rivers Metals to put caps on poles at park for $1,224. Dirt prices were discussed as to if we need to charge residents for dirt since we had to pay for it. Decided to charge $25/bucket for clean black dirt. Discussed adding another A/C to well house so that this summer when it’s getting worked on it stays cool enough in there for pump and chlorine. Also, had a bid from Sterling Lumber for re-tinning the well house at the park. Board discussed just repainting for now to make it look better. Also, discussed just replacing current A/C with a larger BTU one of equivalent size instead of adding a second one.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed resident letter about property clean ups, trash prices being raised due to contract, and fire hall being rented for graduation so fire trucks need moved out.

Peterson discussed Arbor Day event this Thursday at 9:30 with the fifth and sixth graders at the park. Also, called four companies for street bids, and received one so far from Cather’s. Rubber mats and loose rubber mulch were discussed for under the play ground equipment at the park. Park committee is going to get together and find out a plan for rubber under playground equipment. Lempka made a motion to add rubber mulch to the playground equipment and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Omar Kuhlman wondered if the church or town was responsible for filling in hole by drainage by handicap sign on East side of church. Roger can possibly make a grate to cover the hole.

No committee reports were discussed.

Peterson discussed property clean-ups.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, discussed three new houses in town now being occupied. Also, one new building permit is going to be issued most likely tomorrow.

Lempka checked for a conference table at work with no luck so will wait until later.

Approval letter of use of village equipment was discussed with having Mecure draft up a letter and having Home and Farm Insurance look it over prior to approving.

Rick Kelle, Scott’s Place…the Legacy asked for permission for a temporary liquor license for the Sterling Picnic June 2nd. Lempka made a motion to give Scott’s Place…the Legacy permission to have a temporary liquor license for the Sterling Picnic on June 2, 2018 and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to raise the trash rates to $17.50 per month due to the contract raising the contract and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to choose the color of the water tower to be maroon and white and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka introduced AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A TREE CARE ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA. Heusman waived the three time reading of Ordinance 2018-2. Thies moved Ordinance 2018-2 for final passage. Heusman made a motion to accept ORDINANCE 2018-2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A TREE CARE ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Peterson accepted A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-41-6(118). Heusman moved to adopt A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-41-6(118) and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

First time reading of zoning code and map update was tabled due to not having final drafted copy.

Junk vehicle ordinance was discussed and tabled until next month.

Dwight Weiss’s property neighboring the park was discussed. Going to discuss possibly purchasing property.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and letters will be sent out then shut off if not paid after the 10th of the month.

Heusman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 and Peterson seconded the motion.

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