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, June 11, 2019 at 7:30 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: Spencer Pagel, Dan Fraley, Vane Rengstorf, Audrey Keebler, Cindy Nichols, Andy from Big Red, Darin from Panology, and Anne Maher.

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.

Nieveen made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to approve the following bills out of the SCA building account: Voss Associates for $330.00 and Lincoln Concrete for $36,549.33 Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to allow the bills to include the following and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve the board of adjustments meeting minutes and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: Nieveen, Wusk, Lempka, and Keizer. Obstained: Thies. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to transfer $30,000 from Solid Waste to General for new sewer pumps and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: 3D Asphalt, street repairs-11662.00; B&D Diamond Pro, ball field-250.00; Black Hills Energy, heating-188.97; Barco Municipal Products, sup.-249.70; BMG CPA’s, accountant-170.80; Constellation, heating-44.10; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-431.33; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-313.22; Get the Job Done LLC, cleanup-504.65; Inspiration Press Inc., lib. Sup.-20.00; Jet Stop, fuel-459.31; Jorgenson Surveying, survey-575.00; Kerner True Value, sup.-318.34; Kuhl Trenching, new service-3390.00; League of NE Municipalities, conf.-325.00; Midwest Farmers Cooperative, sup.-51.00; Melly’s Housekeeping, cleaning-40.00; Municipal Supply Inc. of Omaha, sup.-1284.49; NR Marketing, website-375.00; NPHEL, fees-252.00; NPPD electricity-2254.69; Olsson, fee-3091.77; Payroll May, payroll-5780.76; May Payroll Taxes, taxes-1324.44; Sargent Drilling, testing-300.00; Sean Moss, rock-422.73; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-28.29; Trauernicht Brothers, stump removal-65.00; USPS, stamps-165.00; Voice News, publishing-34.93; Waymire Well, Sup.-40.92; Windstream, telephone-389.83; Waste Connections, refuse-4556.06; Wusk Repair, repairs-113.74. Total: $40,073.07.

Andy from Big Red Communications discussed replacing cameras downtown and adding one at the dump site. Cameras will be night vision, include audio, 1080P, and wireless. Thies made a motion to purchase and install cameras from Big Red Communications for $7560 and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Brian and Irma Rakes weren’t in attendance but had asked to be removed from cleanup list as they are working on property. Board agreed not to remove them. Surveying of alley between Division and Washington by 380 Division was discussed. Alley cannot be closed due to utilities being in alley. Tabled until next meeting to discuss with Sam Owens about building in alley. Cindy Nichols asked if she was required to get a permit or pay for the filling of her swimming pool that was just temporary and going to be taken down each year. Board agreed that since it was not a permanent structure no permit was needed. Vane asked about turning in a bill for mowing Phillipi property, SKILLS decided to continue to take care of it so he’s going to turn in a bill from the couple times he had mowed it.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, tore old pump apart today for recycle and put newer pump in the well house for storage, discussed replacing tires on skid steer & purchasing a spare rim and tire, shredded at dump, Olsson’s came down and inspected bridge and said it was a good idea to close down, sewer is going to be jetted again on Main Street to try to fix the problem, advertise old pumps for sale in League newsletter, water meter discussion, and will check on installation fees. Thies made a motion to purchase a new set of tires from Wusk Repair and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Nieveen, Thies, Lempka, and Keizer. Obstained: Wusk. Motion carried. Also, hung up signs that we have at the park for advertising. Fence at practice ball field needs repaired from kids jumping on it.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed newsletter, conference Thursday and Friday, and SKILLS mowing Phillipi property.

John Keizer discussed recognition for yard of the month being out of community funds instead of chairman pocket. Nieveen made a motion to give a Community Improvement Recognition Award out of the General fund for yard of the month and decoration yard of the month in the amount of $20 for various local businesses and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Property clean-ups were discussed and letters will be sent out. An extension was issued for 345 Main Street until the end of the month.

No zoning administrator report due to resignation. Mecure advised that the Village stays out of building inspections due to liability.

Comprehensive plan update was discussed and need to continue to look over. Community building concrete has been poured, engineering issues have been resolved, and erection will start within the next couple weeks. Jason Othmer wasn’t present at the meeting to discuss conditional use permit, tabled until the next meeting.

Keizer shared resignation letter from Roger Huls effective June 3rd. Thies accepted Roger Huls letter of resignation from zoning administrator effective June 3rd, 2019 and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: Yay: Thies, Keizer, Nieveen, and Wusk. Nay: Lempka. Motion carried. Need to advertise a vacant position for the zoning board locally. Nieveen made a motion to appoint Jordan Pavey as interim zoning administrator and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Dialer unit was discussed with receiving a bid from Iowa Pumpworks and also from Small Data Tech from Chuck at NRD. Need to check and get a more accurate estimate. FEMA updates were discussed still waiting on site inspection and Willy is on a detail and won’t be back until the 14th to schedule this. Water rate resolution on swimming pool surcharge was discussed and is tabled until water meters are put in because of watering yards being an issue as well.

Building permit for 460 Main was discussed. Board agreed that he would need a permit due to being a permanent structure on concrete.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and action will be taken.

Lempka made a motion to go into executive session at 9:43 to discuss personnel and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Thies made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:17 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Nieveen made a motion to give Spencer Pagel a three percent cost of living raise and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Wusk made a motion to pay Austin Buss $12/hour for summer help and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Thies made a motion to increase Samantha Gordon’s monthly salary by $400 and pay $16/hour for grant writing and other business outside of normal business activity and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Board agreed to have meetings at 7:00 from now on.

Wusk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

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