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, August 14, 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, Bill Moss, and Andy Thies. Others present: Andy from Big Red Communications, Audrey Keebler, Diane Behrens, Josh & Tara Woltemath, Vane Rengstorf, Roger Moss, 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.

Diane Behrens discussed purchasing 175 Depot Street and due to Casey having surgeries they were not able to take care of removing shed. Diane is asking for an extension until December 31st, 2018 for removing the shed. Moss made a motion to extend deadline to remove shed at 175 Depot Street to December 31st, 2018 and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka discussed having parking added to Ivory Terrace Apartments so that vehicles are off of the street. Tara discussed possibly having the tenants find a different spot to park work vehicles. They are going to start by talking to residents then go from there and will take any suggestions anyone has for adding parking.

Andy at Big Red Communications discussed bringing in fiber under water tower, adding an A/C, and adding plywood to walls to hold insulation up. Also, would like a 10-year contract for getting fiber into town. Board was okay with using old A/C from well house and Spencer could help them install it if needed. Need to come up with a contract for board and attorney to look over and approve.

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: B & D Diamond Pro for $525.00 from Keno Account and Sterling Ball Association for $600 ($100/team for 6 teams) and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to approve the bill of $6721.21 for the 20% down payment of the addition to the community center and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to transfer $1746.61 from General Fund to Keno for the Menards bill for fence at the park and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon.com, lib. Sup-26.44; Black Hills, heating-26.98; BMG CPA’s, accountant-203.80; Buss Pest Control, spraying-120.00; Constellation, heating-2.61; Farmers Cooperative, sup.-57.30; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-192.43; Jet Stop, fuel-537.47; July Payroll, payroll-5898.26; July Payroll Taxes, taxes-1405.38; Kerner True Value, sup-20.47; Kudu Lawn Care, chemicals-215.00; Kuhl Trenching, repairs-480.00; League of NE Municipalities, dues-721.00; Lempka Heating and Air, repairs-575.00; Maguire Iron, water tower-46535.00; Melly’s Housekeeping Services, cleaning-40.00; Menards, fence-1746.61; Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, taxes-518.87; NPHEL, fees-426.00; NPPD, electricity-3320.22; NR Marketing LLC, website-375.00; Recycling Enterprises, recycle-840.00; Roger Huls, repairs-310.00; SE NE Development District, dues-548.00; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Stan Borcher Mowing, mowing-1938.00; Sterling Lumber, repairs-797.28; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-114.67; Voice News, publishing-119.50; Waste Connections, refuse-4339.92; Waymire, sup.-16.97; Windstream, telephone-383.54; Wusk Repair, repairs-351.81. Total: $74,133.26.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, stated that water tower project and fence at the park are both complete. Peterson brought up flushing water hydrants due to some residents complaining. Need to be flushed twice a year, Spring and Fall, to keep it cleared up. Dump needs to be trimmed or shredded. Also, needs to look at caps for park parking lot or buy sealant for the time being.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed purchasing a new town printer and also looked over recommendations from Mary Lafferty for newsletter. Peterson and Heusman will go around and come up with a suggestion for yard of the month and give a certificate. Memorial Day through Labor Day we will choose a yard of the month to recognize. Board decided to go with Mary’s suggestion of changing name of newsletter to Village View.

Greg Peterson, village chairman, discussed clean up letter that will be going out tomorrow with pictures and a list of what needs to be corrected.

There were no committee reports.

Roger Huls, zoning administrator, permit 2018-18 was withdrawn from tenant. Newsletter helped, people are informing him about property improvements. Also, discussed getting a water meter for Wentz’s new construction before it’s finalized and one for community building.

Peterson read the Zoning and Map update for the third reading. Lempka made a motion to accept the third and final reading of the Zoning and Map Update and Peterson seconded the motion.

Culverts were discussed and possibly get some funding for fixing them from NNRD. Need to get ahold of S & P Dirtwork Inc. to help clean out culverts and ditches.

Peterson discussed rocking under the water tower and adding rock to parking lot at park. Need to use bobcat to grade parking lot to help with drainage by Barb Heusman’s. Peterson said to go ahead and get rock for parking lot and under water tower.

Peterson discussed coming up with some suggestions on what to add to the expenses for next years budget.

Lempka made a motion to go into executive session at 8:51 to discuss pending litigation and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:02 and Peterson seconded the motion.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 and Peterson seconded the motion.

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