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 Monday, August 29th, 2022 at 7:03 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. Chairman John Keizer called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Danny Fraley, Tom Nieveen, Ralph Wusk, and Steve Lempka. Others present: none.

Chairman Keizer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the North wall and did roll call.

Dion Hancock discussed development plan and possibility of vacating the alley located between Tecumseh St. and Depot St. and vacating a portion of Tecumseh Street. His plan is to build four possibly five houses along Tecumseh Street. The board of trustees would entertain the ideas of vacating a portion of Tecumseh Street along with vacating the alley but would need to get a resolution drafted up for such prior to approving.

Ralph Wusk motioned to approve Class C liquor license for Tony & Mineko Diaz, Scott’s Place the Legacy, 175 Broadway St. Sterling, NE 68443 and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Nieveen motioned to approve RESOLUTION 2022-03 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING BY SEALED BIDS** and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Chairman Keizer introduced RESOLUTION 2022-04 and the board discussed pros and cons of such. The out-of-town revenue it would bring in, concerns with inflation already being an issue, and other possible projects that could be completed with the extra income being downtown sidewalks, economic development, water tower, water/sewer updates, and many other things within the Village. Lempka made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-04 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCTING OF AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE IF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE SALES TAX FOR THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1 ½%)** and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Keizer discussed updates to the one and six-year plan for street projects that require milling and at least a 2.5” overlay. One-year projects being to complete the Broadway St. bridge, mill and overlay Main Street from Iowa to Broadway, and the E. Locust St. and Hwy 41 intersection with help from the State and county.

Board discussed either closing the Broadway Street bridge or making it a one lane bridge using the North side only and setting up barricades, signage, and lower tonnage signs. Board agreed to keep it open and close off the South side and ask Midwest Engineering to inspect it on occasion until the replacement project can start. Also, the board approved to close it all together for one day only on Monday, September 5th for the SCA circus event to keep from having heavy equipment crossing it.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

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