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 9, 2016 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. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Greg Peterson, Vane Rengstorf, and Sean Moss. Absent: Scott Buss. Others present: Spencer Pagel, Audrey Keebler, Jennifer Vermeer, Steve Mercure, John Moss, Roger Moss, Kevin McAuliffe, Patrick and Eric (NPPD Representatives), Roger Huls, Steve Lempka, and Leroy Riensche. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Hall.

Heusman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Rengstorf made a motion to approve the following bills: and Heusman seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon, lib. Books-154.32; Barco Muncipal Products, sup-389.23; Black Hills Energy, fuel-116.64; BMG, accounting-141.00; Brenda Brammeier, cleaning-80.00; Constellation Energy, fuel freight-2.77; Jet Stop, fuel-365.54; Kaye Heusman, cleaing-80.00; League of Muncipalities, dues-601.00; Utilities Section, dues-546.00; Municipal Supply Inc. of Omaha, sup-159.43; NE Rural Water Assoc., books-311.45; NE Dept. of Revenue, taxes-564.66; NPHEL, fee-307.00; NPPD, electricity, 3356.30; One Call Concepts, fee-7.95; Payroll-5391.79; Payroll Taxes-1312.96; Recycling Enterprises of NE, recycle-480.00; Sargent Drilling, repairs-1166.43; Sids Auto Parts, sup.-2.49; Spencer Pagel, sup-37.98; Spencer Pagel, ph/ins.-360.00; Stan Borcher Mowing, mowing-1938.00; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-121.58; Travelers, ins.-5399.00; Voice News, advertising-46.71; Windstream, phones-294.69; Wusk Repair, sup.-296.94. Total: $24,131.86.

Heusman discussed allowing Deer Creek Sodbusters to use bleachers from the park. Rengstorf made a motion to allow Deer Creek Sodbusters to use bleachers and return them and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Patrick and Eric introduced themselves to the board and brought up concerns about lights at park and that they would get them working ASAP.

Kevin McAuliffe asked permission for Main Street to be blocked off in front of the school for the carnival. Heusman made a motion to allow Sterling Booster Club to block off the street for the school carnival August, 10th and Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. John Moss discussed the accusations of dumping concrete on Conradi’s property. The board received a bid for removal of concrete/rocks and is going to send him a letter.

Roger Huls and Steve Lempka discussed building permit letter they received in the mail. And brought up the concern that they weren’t aware that they needed a permit to build a deck onto their house and weren’t for sure who to even contact.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, reported on a new sign for the tree dump and purchasing a new locator. Rengstorf made a motion to purchase new sign for the tree dump and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Moss made a motion to purchase the new locator kit and trade in an old one for credit towards the purchase and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Heusman discussed water rates for businesses in town. Rengstorf made a motion to raise Jet Stop’s water rate to $70 and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman also discussed Washington Street project being completed and going to open up street by Friday this week to all traffic. Rural Trash Service was discussed due to abuse of the dumpsters and illegal dumping. Rengstorf made a motion to discontinue rural trash service starting October 11th and to send out a letter to rural customers regarding such with information on who to contact for trash service and Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Property clean-ups were discussed with a few more needing pictures taken so that letters could be sent out to remedy the problems. Peterson discussed ball field improvements and wanting to get some more input on what would be the best method to clean up ball field. Leroy spoke about bleachers bids and about repairing some of the current bleachers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board Samantha Grof, Village Clerk