REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Pro-temp Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:05 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. Pro-temp Chairman Ralph Wusk called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Danny Fraley, Tom Nieveen, Steve Lempka, and Ralph Wusk. Others present: Spencer Pagel.

Pro-temp Chairman Ralph Wusk acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the North wall. Lempka made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve the July bills and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to transfer $1200 for previous donations from General account to Library fund and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: American Playground Company, playground mulch & border-9885.00; Becky Barney, sup.-59.49; Black Hills, heating-219.59; BRAA, match support-219.59; BMG CPA’s, payroll-250.00; Colonial Life, ins.-206.05; Constellation, heating-10.35; Doug Schmidt, post & installation for handicap ramp; Edward Jones, simple IRA-394.08; Farmers Cooperative, spray-63.30; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-375.97; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-311.44; Frontier Cooperative, spray-180.05; Hamilton Equipment Company, parts-29.14; Hancock Lumber, LLC, sup.-33.44; Jet Stop, fuel-508.89; Jet Stop, village bucks-20.00; Kerner True Value, sup-39.57; Kudu Lawn & Landscape, cemetery mowing-2500.00; Lincoln Winelectric, sup.-99.46; Moss Trucking & Excavating LLC, dump cleanup-1727.50; NPPD, electricity-2389.07; NPHEL, samples-31.00; Payroll July, payroll-12796.89; Payroll Taxes July, taxes-3287.98; SENDD, dues-552.00; Samantha Gordon, insurance-500.00; Spencer Pagel, Insurance-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, pub.-109.65; Unico, bond-100.00; USPS, sup.-180.00; Waste Connections, refuse-4872.30; Windstream, telephone-344.40. Total: $43,211.61.

No public comment.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, John Moss going to work on ditch by school prior to school starting, water sewer will be hooked up later this week on Otto’s development, and Pavey will be here at the end of the week to install water/sewer at Abby Heusman’s house, pump was fixed at by Iowa Pumpworks, Randy Goracke approached about hauling all the concrete pile out to a ditch he has to fill in just no asphalt but might need to see if Moss could haul a couple dump truck loads out, bridge piling at the Broadway St. bridge is starting to split on the Southeast side so might look into closing until it can be replaced and board advised to get ahold of Midwest Engineering to see what their thoughts were on closing the bridge, Dr. appt Thursday morning but will be back after that, and water tower was inspected with a pin hole needing fixed and inside needing cleaned which both require tank to be emptied so will do both at one time.

Becky Barney, librarian, will be closed Thursday for a family funeral but Ginny Boden will be open Saturday and will be back Monday.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed resolution for privacy fence as surplus personal property and needing to advertise for next meeting.

Property clean-ups were discussed with complaints being filed, and one dismissed.

Vacant property registrations were discussed and dismissed as needed. Downtown sidewalks were discussed with needing engineering for ADA handicap ramps, grant funding past the deadline for this year’s funding so would need to wait until next year to apply. Still waiting on Nielsen’s to pour pad for generator at the well, Lempka suggested renting the needed equipment and doing the work on our own if possible or ask Al Rogman for a quote. Nieveen mentioned inviting business owners to a meeting to discuss a possible match for sidewalk improvements downtown or going with Mecures suggestion of going with a sidewalk district for improvements.

Lempka made a motion to approve the variance application for property at STERLING-OT E2 LOT 10 & ALL LOTS 11-12 BLK 7 (0.38A) allowing three accessory buildings and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve quote from A-1 Total Home Pest Control for treating the Village office, concession stand, ball equipment shed, well shed with the addition of the crow’s nest and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Going to get some quotes on replacing the well shed for next board meeting. Epp Foundation Repair quote was tabled until next month so we could get another opinion from Thrasher. Quotes for replacing or repairing the time/temp sign in front of the Village office was discussed and board recommended to talk to Village of Cook and and Dion for other options. Lempka made a motion to charge Lewiston High School $750 per game for use of the football field, lights, facilities, and cleanup for games and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2022-02 SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2022 and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Fraley made the motion to approve MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE TO NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS 2022 and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Possible changes for the 1 & 6 year projects were discussed with adding E. Locust Street from Main St. to Nebraska Ave., removing Lincoln Street from Broadway to E. Locust Street, and pavement dressing conditioner to Main Street from Illinois to Broadway Street and through downtown. Review other possible changes at special board meeting on August 29th. Fraley discussed adding keypad locks to doors at the Fire Hall doors for easier access, board approved adding keypad to East door but wait on front door for now. Employee wages were discussed with inflation and other villages getting six percent compared to our two percent. Lempka discussed concern about how the dump, community building, and park look with needing trimmed more often. Nieveen also brought up the need for having an applicators license for spraying. Lempka made a motion to approve an additional three percent wage increase for full time employees and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Ralph Wusk, Pro-temp Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk