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, September 13, 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, Scott Buss, and Sean Moss. Others present: Spencer Pagel, Audrey Keebler, Jennifer Vermeer, Steve Mercure, John Moss, Roger Moss, Kevin McAuliffe, Roger Huls, Leroy Riensche, Les Agena, Bill Moss, Dwight Weiss, Steve Weiss, Louise Masur, Chuck Wingert, Tonia Wingert, Renae Helmick, Luke Helmick, Holt Wiebe, Rex Rogman, Rick Kelle, and Deputy. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Hall.

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to approve the following bills: and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon, lib. Books-73.34; Barco Muncipal Products, sup-3646; Black Hills Energy, fuel-112.36; BMG, accounting-1943.90; Brenda Brammeier, cleaning-40.00; Constellation Energy, fuel freight-3.29; Gage County Equip., sup.-115.80; Home Depot, park sup.-106.18; Jet Stop, fuel-463.94; Kaye Heusman, cleaing-40.00; Midwest Lab., fee-41.84; NPHEL, fee-15.00; NPPD, electricity, 2660.33; Olsson Associates, consulting-95.60; One Call Concepts, fee-11.01; Pavers, street repair-44966.46; Payroll-5401.10; Payroll Taxes-1341.37; Recycling Enterprises of NE, recycle-360.00; Roger Huls, repairs-75.00; Samantha Grof, sup-47.88; Sids Auto Parts, sup.-37.83; Spencer Pagel, ph/ins.-360.00; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-121.58; USPS, postage-58.40; Voice News, advertising-59.33; Windstream, phones-353.04; Wusk Repair, sup.-822.84. Total: $63,473.42.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, reported on getting bids for a new lawn mower. Already have two bids but looking to get another comparable one. Finished waste water class and test coming up in October. Still trying to get ahold of guy about cost of having new sewer plant pump installed.

John Moss asked about progress on Conradi’s property clean-up. And also mentioned concern about moving NPPD powerline pole/street light either west or east of driveway for easier access. Heusman is going to look at it.

Renae Helmick brought up grain bins being built without board’s approval. Chuck Wingert discussed concern about grain bins going up such as: truck noise at all hours of the night, corn shaft, grain dust, and also not being zoned agricultural. Building permit was issued based off of storage use. Another concern was that Lincoln Street wouldn’t be able to hold up to that much heavy truck traffic. Mecure explained storage and warehousing for permitted conditional use permit that wasn’t acquired per zoning book. Heusman voted to have Mecure send Jason Othmer a letter needing a conditional use permit and to discontinue any use of grain bins until further action is taken and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Rex Rogman brought up concern about pouring a concrete driveway on Keizer’s property in town with drainage ditches being full and needing cleaned out. Heusman addressed the concern as it is personal property so wouldn’t be the towns responsibility if something were to happen with it but he was going to look at the issue.

Heusman brought up concern about compost pile getting too big at the brush site. Buss made a motion to have Sean Moss clean-up the compost pile for $75/load until it’s all cleaned up and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Heusman, Rengstorf, Peterson, and Buss. Obstained: Moss. Motion carried. Heusman discussed the Sterling Community Association needing to use the Fire Hall for the Wine and Ale Festival with the date to change this year to November 26th. Moss made a motion to accept the date change and also allow them a temporary liquor license for November 26th and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman also brought up the dumpsters for rural customers and that since getting a fourth dumpster they haven’t been as bad as before and that we will continue service unless if it continues to get abused. Delinquent building permits were discussed and decided to send out another letter with building permit and have residents get with Steve for amount needed for permit. Heusman also discussed concern about Atchison Street sinking. Rengstorf made a motion to have Gary Kuhl remove and replace Atchison Street where it is starting to sink and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and letters will be mailed out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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