REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE STERLING VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

 STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:11 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Barn 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: Scott Buss, Sean Moss, Greg Peterson, and Vane Rengstorf. Others present: Steve Mercure, Kevin McAuliffe, Eldon Wilken, Owen Killham and Tim Norris. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn.

Rengstorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Rengstorf made a motion to pay Sterling Skills USA for making six tables for the park at $18 per table and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to allow the following bills and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: American Legal Publishing, code books-650.00; Black Hills Energy, fuel-710.38; Board member fees-Heusman-450.00; Buss-75.00; Rengstorf-225.00; Weiss-225.00; Wingert-150.00; Chris Nieveen, camera-91.76; Constellation Energy,fuel-.799.14; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-455.32; Gage County Equipment, Inc., sup.-242.37 Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-513.73; Johnson County Clerk, election expense-64.08; Kevin McAuliffe, ins. & cell phone-330.00; Library books-41.44; Lincoln Concrete Specialists, concrete fines-284.25; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; MCI, phones-27.55; NPHEL, fee-15.00; ; NPPD, electricity, 2544.29; NPPD, Christmas lights-103.93; Payroll-4783.12; Payroll Taxes-935.69; One Call Concepts, fee-4.05; Roger Huls, sup. & rep.-292.80; Sids Auto Parts, sup.-363.01; SE Area Clerks Asso., dues-10.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-677.45; Sterling Skills USA, six tables-180.00; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer and fee-2103.70; Steve Weiss, fee-118.40; Travelers, workman’s comp.-1196.00; Voice News, pub.-55.97; Waymire Well, sup.-10.26; Windstream, phones-324.90; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-18.00; Total: $18,534.24.

Todd Blome, BMG CPAS, reviewed audited financial reports concerning major expenditures and revenues. Buss made a motion to transfer $30,000 from the General Fund to the Street Fund – a paper transfer only – and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. KENO operation financial reports of activity of operation, gross proceeds and net reported to the Village of Sterling.

Tim Norris, Home & Farm agent, reported on workman’s compensation audit and hours to be recorded daily on log sheets. This gives workman’s compensation auditors the necessary information.

Chairman Heusman made these personnel appointments: village maintenance superintendent-Kevin McAuliffe/clerk-treasurer-Lola Wentz and Chris Nieveen/librarian-Susan Wilken/zoning administrator-Steve Weiss/attorney-Steve Mercure/security guard-Ivan Heusman. These committee appointments were made: streets-Peterson and Heusman/water and wastewater-Buss and Moss/cemetery-Rengstorf and Heusman/trash and brush site-Moss and Peterson/insurance-Rengstorf/grants-Heusman/parks and recreation-Heusman and Buss/library-Buss and Peterson. Personnel and committees were approved in a motion by Rengstrof and seconded by Buss. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Kevin McAuliffe, utility superintendent, reported on these subjects: wastewater report was satisfactory/working on tractors and trucks/Gravely mower/taking inventory of water supplies.

Heusman reported a possible brush jam on Platts Branch that needs to be addressed.

Susan Wilken will be paid $8.00 per hour retroactive to January 2015 due to the increase in minimum wage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

 Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board Lola Wentz, Village Clerk