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, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office in 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, USPS-Sterling, and Village of Sterling City Offices. Chairman John Keizer called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Ralph Wusk, Andy Thies, Steve Lempka, and Tom Nieveen. Others present: Vane Rengstorf, Audrey Keebler, Spencer Pagel, Ryan Hoffman, Marissa Lempka, Sandy Weyers, and Emily Bausch.

Chairman Keizer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Village Office. Chairman Keizer led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Emily Bausch, Olsson Engineering Consultant, discussed how East Locust Street has gone from bad to worse with a sewer main leak. We are following FEMA guidelines and solicitating quotes from local contractors to install a manhole, bypass pump, and permanent barriers on East and West side of the bridge. Lempka wanted to verify that the location of the manhole and temporary fix wouldn’t interfere with the bridge replacement project down the road. Thies made a motion to solicit proposals for manhole and authorizing chairman Keizer to select from proposal and select a contract for project not to exceed $24,500 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Olsson’s proposal for Geotech work on the Broadway Street was discussed and the board has decided to hold off until E. Locust Street bridge is complete.

Wusk made a motion to accept the consent agenda: which includes approval of public hearing minutes, regular meeting minutes, and special meeting minutes; approval of bills including SCA Building Account: Hamm Glass $8346.00, Hancock Lumber $3694.83, Kuhl Trenching $225.00, Lincoln Concrete $2906.61, and Waymire Well $180.00; and SKILLS for $100 for Christmas yard of the month; approval of monthly transfer to solid waste and General from sewer and water; and amend the agenda and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Aqua-Chem, Inc., sup.-169.15; Black Hills, heating-586.98; BMG CPA’s, accountant-6080.00; City of Tecumseh, handibus-300.00; Constellation, heating-506.43; December Payroll, payroll-5159.83; December payroll taxes-1242.45; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-84.26; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-541.50; FirstBank of NE, fee-20.00; Hancock Lumber, sup-168.74; Jet Stop, fuel-174.52; Midwest Laboratories Inc., fees-171.00; NPHEL, fees-15.00; Nestor & Mecure, legal fees-4183.50; NPPD, electricity-2255.64; NR Marketing, 375.00; One Call Concepts, fees-39.21; S&L Lawn Care, mowing-2025.00; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Sterling Public Schools, license monies-30.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-134.62; Tecumseh Chieftain, lib. Renewal-42.00; Topps Mechanical, sup.-50.00; Voice News, publishing-108.57; Voice News, lib. Renewal-60.00; Waste Connections, refuse-4544.77; Waymire Well, sup.-217.32; Windstream, telephone-394.21; Scott’s Place, app.-225.00; Wilma Nieveen, cem. Sec-41.66; Denise Horstman, cem. Sec-208.34; Marissa Lempka, zoning admin.-1050.00. Board Member Fees: John Keizer-1625.00, Steve Lempka-325.00, Andy Thies-275.00, Ralph Wusk-900.00, Tom Nieveen-900.00. Total: $35,829.70.

School board representative was not present at meeting. Clint Kage wasn’t present at meeting but will plan to attend February meeting.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, Pat with NPPD was looking at bringing power for cameras because right now it’s just temporary power for Christmas lights. Been trying to get ahold of Iowa Pump Works to see what happened with pumps and need to get dialer unit in case this happens again. Snow is pretty well cleaned up and another load of salt will be here next week. Declare an emergency to get a dialer unit installed. Nieveen made a motion to purchase a high tide dialer unit from Iowa Pump Works for $2750 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Also, pressure testing is complete at community center so just waiting on fire marshall to do his part.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, talked about Sandy Weyers starting last Saturday and going to attend hazard mitigation update training with John in Tecumseh next month.

Chairman Keizer discussed Ozone3 paperwork from Stan Karr and is also being on the superintendent selection committee for Sterling Public Schools.

Marissa Lempka, zoning administrator, still no interest in the open planning commission position so need to start recruiting. Also, discussed request for occupying lot in a fifth wheel camper while building on lot, responded to request stating that they could use the lots at the park and would have to be predetermined based off building permit. Dion is planning on building onto his building so will be getting a permit to do so.

Keizer discussed hometown makeover by HGTV to send in application to take a chance on and see what happens with it. Sandy Weyers brought up installing a handicap rail by ramp on North side of Broadway Street by PO Boxes. Keizer discussed community center updates with having a remaining $25,927 in building account and got E&A court date extended until May 21st. Also, could possibly use Keno funds to help Sterling Community Association with remainder of bills coming in until they can raise the money to reimburse us to get vendors paid. Vacant property registrations were discussed and two cancellations have been filed with the court system. Samantha & John are still working with FEMA on getting bridge maintenance reports.

Delinquent water bills were discussed and notices will be sent out with attorney sending one to small claims court.

Nieveen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

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