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, November 13, 2018 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 Greg Peterson called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Steve Lempka, Dennis Heusman, and Andy Thies. Absent: Bill Moss. Others present: Audrey Keebler, John Keizer, Roger Huls, Eldon & Sue Wilken, Melinda Pearson, and Spencer Pavey.

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

Eldon Wilken discussed putting up a wire dog fence in the back yard in Melinda Pearson’s property. Just having problems of getting property owner to sign off on building permit. Fence is just a temporary fence that can be taken down. Board agreed that they could go ahead and put up fence without signature and we would work on getting it later.

Lempka made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to allow the bills to include the following and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon.com, lib. Sup-17.89; Black Hills Energy, heating-425.47; BMG CPA’s, accountant-226.60; Buss Pest Control, pest control-120.00; Constellation, heating-9.14; Farmers Coop., propane-274.68; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-711.37; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-913.02; Gilland Electric, repairs-1136.72; Jet Stop, fuel-425.80; Kerner True Value, sup-17.46; League of Muncipalities, fees-45.00; Lincoln Concrete, rock-472.50; Melly’s Housekeeping Services, cleaning-40.00; Menninga Electronics, repairs-175.00; Municipal Pipe Services, tapping-500.00; Municipal Supply Inc. of Omaha, sup.-3762.37; NPHEL, fees-15.00; NPPD electricity-2485.74; October Payroll, payroll-4744.51; October Payroll Taxes, taxes-1128.90; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-294.40; Spencer Pagel, ins.-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Susan Wilken, sup-46.91; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-109.65; Unico, bond-200.00; Voice News, publishing-113.62; Waymire, repairs-30.60; Windstream, telephone-385.76; Wusk Repair, repairs-6.20. Total: $19,434.31.

Amend agenda to change Approve/Reject Ordinance to 2018-4 and 2018-5 instead of 2018-3 and 2018-4.

Lempka discussed appreciation dinner with Scotts and just need to set a date. Looking at December 16th just have to verify with Scotts on availability.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, was in Columbus for waste water class so Peterson will discuss his report.

Samantha Gordon, village clerk, discussed zoning book and key check in at December meeting. Discussed having local Non-profit organizations utilizing the newsletter for advertising, announcing Christmas Tree Lighting in December newsletter and new board members in January newsletter. Zito Media is raising rates by five dollars a month. Also, discussed stocking up on stamps due to a price increase in January. Board tabled stamp discussion until next month.

Spencer Pavey discussed culvert and ditch cleaning bid. Discussed getting a vac truck to get culverts cleaned out as well but not included in bid would be $300 per day plus labor. Eldon brought up concern with alley behind the school having trucks go through and destroy culvert. Lempka made a motion to approve S & L Lawn Care’s bid for ditch cleaning, culverts, renting a vac truck plus hourly wage, and 530 Washington St. grading for an estimate of no more than $9,000 and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

Peterson discussed Hamilton Equipment Co. bid for swapping out bobcat. Thies made a motion to approve the renewal of state contract from Hamilton Equipment for swapping the bobcat and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Also, brought up Spencers idea of putting a camera at the dump to enforce dumping violations and monitor it.

Property cleanups were discussed. Attorney letter will be sent out.

Peterson discussed that we need to start working on a list for street repairs so that maybe by January we can get letters sent out and get on a list to get it done. Insurance valuations were discussed with needing to remove the motor grader, adding the new Dewalt drill, changing tower to a value of $500,000, and doubling value of both picnic shelters. Heusman discussed having a list of everything that Village employees are using so that they are listed under insurance. Board decided to leave it as is with the agreement for use of machinery and equipment signed. NPPD Overhead and Underground Commercial Development for Ehmen’s Addition was discussed with bid only lasting 90 days. Board needs to discuss with Ehmen’s and try to get them to come to December meeting to discuss. Advertising list was discussed with having six people on the list already from locals. Going to send some letters to surrounding communities.

Peterson introduced Ordinance 2018-4 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-4 GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVINDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Heusman made a motion to wave the three-time reading of Ordinance 2018-4 and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to move Ordinance 2018-4 for final passage and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Peterson introduced Ordinance 2018-5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-5 PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CAR VEHICLES IN THE VILLAGE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Lempka made a motion to wave the three-time reading of Ordinance 2018-5 and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Thies made a motion to move Ordinance 2018-5 for final passage and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Mecure discussed Vacant Property Registration and bringing up to new board members to discuss at next months meeting.

Peterson discussed community center update letter from the Board of Engineers. Brought up with Justin Stark from Olsson’s to see what needs to done to remedy it. Mecure will respond that we are working on the remediation process and are utilizing Olsson Associates to get it done.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 and Peterson seconded the motion.

Greg Peterson, Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk