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 9, 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: Vane Rengstorf, Greg Peterson, and Scott Buss. Absent: Sean Moss. Others present: Steve Mercure, Leroy Riensche, Audrey Keebler, Spencer Pagel, Dwight Weiss, Roger Moss, Kevin McAuliffe, Bill Moss, Luke and Renae Helmick, Derek Belding, Doug Schmidt, Ronny Hazen, John Moss, Chuck Wingert, Robin Buhr, Jennifer Vermeer, Roger Huls, Tim Norris, and Jason & Abby Othmer. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Hall.

Heusman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to allow the bills to include Richardson Tree Service for $200. Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon, library supplies-100.72; Black Hills Energy, fuel-164.90; BMG, fee-173.80; Brenda Brammeier, cleaning-80.00; Constellation Energy, heating fuel-75.42; First National Bank of Omaha, supplies-47.26; First National Bank of Omaha, shop supplies-388.67; Home and Farm Ins., ins.-8280.00; Jet Stop, fuel-316.88; Kaye Heusman, cleaning-80.00; Klein Hardware, repairs-294.95; Kuhl Trenching, repairs-640.00; NPHEL, fee-263.00; NPPD, electricity, 2306.64; One Call Concepts, fee-6.42; Payroll-4774.54; Payroll Taxes-1158.50; Quill, lib. Sup.-58.53; Recycling Enterprises, recycling-240.00; Sterling Lumber, supplies-836.70; Sid’s Auto Parts, supplies-186.24; Spencer Pagel, phone and ins.-360.00; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-121.58; Sue Wilken, lib. Sup.-54.66; Voice News, pub.-195.14; Waymire Well, sup.-164.96; Windstream, phones-352.88; Wusk Power Equipment, repairs-315.32. Total: $23,057.71.

Heusman and Pagel reported on sewer pump being changed out at sewer plant. Leroy said pumps were going to be going up in price at the end of the year if not ordered by December. Rengstorf made a motion to purchase a second pump at the same price as the original and Buss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman is going to contact Olsson’s Associates about possibly fixing pad under pumps. Buss made a motion on allowing Heusman to sign any purchase agreements needed for new pump and Peterson seconded motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Heusman discussed Community Association’s concern about taxes on rented office space. Mecure is going to check with assessor’s office to calculate what portion the Village would be responsible for.

Andy Carothers asked for temporary use of the new grain bin until conditional use permit is issued to minimize damages per Jason & Abby Othmer’s request.

Rengstorf made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:38 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to end executive session at 8:21 p.m. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Heusman made a motion to allow temporary use of the North grain bin until a conditional use permit is issued and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: Yeas: Rengstorf. Nay: Heusman, Buss, and Peterson. Motion denied.

Zoning changes to 160 Main Street were tabled until next board meeting so that planning commission can have a meeting and discuss changes.

A representative from the Johnson County Historical Society spoke about an upcoming display to the upstairs of the museum and would like the board to choose a business in town to display. Also, mentioned that local businesses are also welcome to decorate a Christmas tree for the display on the courthouse lawn and about upcoming events at the Johnson County Historical Society.

Spencer, utility superintendent, spoke about purchasing new Christmas lights for Broadway Street. They could be rush ordered and here in time for this year. Heusman made a motion to accept the bid from Mainstreet Designs, Inc. for $3203.00 for eleven new Christmas light displays and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman also discussed the need to have ball field sprayed for weeds so that we can get to working on fixing it up.

Building permits were tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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