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, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office being 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, and Village of Sterling Village Office. Pro-temp Chairman Ralph Wusk called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Tom Nieveen, Danny Fraley, and Steve Lempka. Absent: John Keizer. Others present: Spencer Pagel, Byron Klauenberg, and Bob Wolff.

Pro-temp Chairman Ralph Wusk acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the North wall and led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Nieveen made a motion to approve the consent agenda removing Wusk Repair bill for a separate motion and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. No public comment. Lempka made a motion to approve Wusk bill for $53.90 and Fraley seconded the motion.

These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills, heating-369.23; BMG CPA’s, fees-250.00; Buss Pest Control, fee-120.00; Colonial Life, ins.-206.05; City of Tecumseh, repairs-250.00; Constellation, heat-14.88; Eric McDonald Contracting, repairs-485.00; Farmers Cooperative, propane-807.51; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-33.24; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-1215.94; Hancock Lumber, LLC, sup.-18.95; Jet Stop, fuel-195.89; Kerner True Value Homecenter, sup.-106.64; Kudu Lawn & Landscape, mowing-1250.00; Kuhl Trenching & Excavating, Inc., repairs-879.00; Midwest Custom Coatings, maint.-10,100.00; NDEE, fee-115.00; NPPD, electricity-2186.80; Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, taxes-948.69; NPHEL, samples-15.00; Olsson, fees for E. Locust St. bridge-4948.65; Payroll October, payroll-6439.27; Payroll Taxes October, taxes-1625.18; Samantha Gordon, insurance-500.00; Spencer Pagel, Insurance-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Waste Connections, refuse-6587.32; Windstream, telephone-340.19; Wusk Power Equip. and Repair, sup.-53.90. Total: $40,662.33.

Becky Barney, librarian, wasn’t in attendance for an update.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, discussed that fire hydrants were installed today, furnace was replaced in shop, heater in fire hall meeting room quit working but Al Lempka came in to look at with needing board replaced, planning on winterizing park bathrooms later this week, fire hall roof and walls were sprayed with foam and seems to be helping, and reflective signs are ordered for bridge but delayed as is everything else. Also, discussed if we had any street repairs we would like to have complete before winter if Al Rogman is able to do so.

Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk, discussed working on audit, going to turn in continuing education hours to the state auditor, working on closing concession stands, inquired if we needed to renew Sandy’s bond for next year which board decided was necessary.

Samantha Gordon, zoning administrator, discussed public hearing for zoning change on car washes coming up and new build starting soon.

No update on property clean ups. Vacant Property registrations are continuing to be enforced with letters sent out by Mecure. No FEMA update discussion. Ralph will get with the school to see what they are looking for in an agreement for football field use.

Byron Klauenberg discussed contract with Johnson County Sheriff’s office on what code enforcement they can enforce. State statutes can be enforced but local ordinances cannot be without a contract. Also, asked what kind of expectations the village would have in a contract.

Dan Alexander discussed Broadway Street bridge replacement, survey, wetland delineation, and field work are all complete. Discussed options for replacement options including box culvert or twin barrels. Dan asked when we would like to let this bridge by the end of the year or even January. Discussed going to 24-foot pavement and guardrails from proposed plans and will be back in December with more final plans. Condition of the tree dump was discussed with needing to clean things up a bit and about disposal of compost/grass pile, and entrance of dump needing trimmed a little more. Rural dumpsters were discussed and board agreed to get rid of them January 1st but giving customers a notice with village bills. Bob Wolff paid for use of the rural dumpsters and addressed safety concern with handicap ramp and no sign being up for handicap parking in front of Scotts. Board said that sidewalks were up to the property owners not to the town to replace but would inform business owners of this. Cemetery board has a vacancy that will be advertised due to Wilma Nieveen resigning.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Ralph Wusk, Pro-temp chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk