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, December 9, 2014 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. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn.

Heusman made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to allow the bills to include the following: Trauernicht Brothers for stump grinding for $250.00. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-367.51; BMG, fee-48.50; City of Tecumseh, handibus expense-300.00; Constellation Energy,fuel-.208.32; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-492.16; Ivan Heusman, mileage-240.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-349.96; Johnson County treasurer, taxes-8.52; Kevin McAuliffe, ins. & cell phone-330.00; Library books-341.40; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; Maguire Iron, cleaning water tower-1390.50; MCI, phones-27.40; NPHEL, fee-137.00; NPPD, electricity, 2152.19; Payroll-4783.12; Payroll Taxes-935.70; One Call Concepts, fee-5.55; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-118.40; Trauernicht Bros., stump grinding-250.00; Travelers, workman’s comp.-866.00 Voice News, pub.-48.81; Windstream, phones-190.28; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-176.45. Total: $13921.03.

Kevin McAuliffe, utility superintendent, reported on these topics: installing tube for Jill Shea/discharging at the sewer plant/Gravely mower will be checked by Everette Wusk but can be used until it quits/burn brush pile site when conditions are favorable.

Carolyn Eilers received a permit for a garage.

Heusman made a motion to increase the price of cemetery lots with an effective date of January 1, 2015. Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Prices will be $500 for a lot of five grave spaces/$600 for the lots which contain six grave spaces/$300 for a half lot which consists of two grave spaces/$125 for a single grave space where singles are designated in the cemetery.

Rengstorf made a motion to purchase a camera with dater and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Camera will be used for pictures of properties in need of mowing and clean up.

Employee raises was tabled until the next regular January meeting in a motion by Rengstorf and seconded by Peterson. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Comparison information will be gathered from communities the size of Sterling.

Delinquent utility bills were discussed and shut off notices will be posted to those in arrears.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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

COMPARISON OF SALARIES SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

ADAMS UT - $15.40 per hr plus over time and double time $200 per month-ins. 3 weeks vacation and IRA account

 Ct - $1100 per month plus IRA

POP – 573

CORTLAND UT - $35,000 per year

 CT - $24.00 per hour plus over time

POP – 482

COOK UT - $2404 per month plus $300 ins. per month

 CT - $800 per month – no benefits

POP – 321

JOHNSON UT - $2842.25 plus $531 insurance per month

 CT - $1200 – part-time working two days no benefits

POP - 328

Not responding – PALMYRA – POP 545