

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, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Barn in a publicly convened meeting the have 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, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss. Absent: Chuck Wingert. Others present: Kevin McAuliffe, Audrey Keebler, Wilma Nieveen, Linda Hronek, Steve Mercure, Steve Weiss, Chris Nieveen. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to allow the bills and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Al Wusk Electric, rep.-111.89; Black Hills Energy, fuel-849.80; BMG CPAS, audit & fees-837.40; Board member fees: Buss-100.00/Heusman-400.00/Rengstorf-200.00/Weiss-175.00/Wingert-175.00/ Constellation Energy, fuel-1064.88; First Natonal Bank Omaha, sup.-617.01; First National Bank Sterling, box rent-20.00; Hamilton Equipment, snow blade-1850.00; Home & Farm Ins., ins.-59.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc, fuel-709.68; Kerner True Value, sup.-23.17; Kevin McAuliffe, insurance allowance and cell phone-330.00; Klein Hardware, sup.-159.75; Kuhl Trenching, water line rep.-1035.00; Library books-62.25; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; MCI, phones-27.17; Municipal Supply, sup.-594.00; NPHEL, water tests-15.00; NPPD, electricity-3084.03; NE Dept. Of Rev., taxes-545.26; One Call concept, fee-3.30; Payroll-6345.43; Payroll taxes-1317.66; SE NE Clerks' Asso., dues-10.00; Sid's Auto Parts, sup.-64.10; Sterling Fire Department, sup. Share-767.50; Sterling Lumber, sup-shop-2446.11; Steve Mercure, retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-118.04; Steve Weiss, sup. park shelters-555.00; Voice News, pub.-50.92; Windstream, phones-.57.08; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-862.54. Total: \$30,969.24.

Wilma Nieveen and Linda Hronek, Sterling Cemetery Board members, were present to discuss the type of directory and costs of this project.

Utility Superintendent, Kevin McAuliffe, reported on these topics: unable to burn brush site due to the wind/insulated shop making a huge difference/rented snow blade for the skidster from Hamilton Equipment for \$450 with the cost of rent to be deducted if purchased/hydrants purchased in the future must be lead-free according to EPA without a definite timeline/Blessing Plumbing will complete installation of the two remaining meters this month. After discussion in regard to the snow blade, Heusman made a motion to purchase the eight foot snow blade from Hamilton Equipment for \$1850 with the cost of renting the blade deducted from the purchase price. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Heusman made a motion that the Village of Sterling will no longer be responsible for tree removal or trimming trees on street right of way. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Ads will be published in the Voice News and Tecumseh Chieftain as well as being posted in various business locations.

Weiss made a motion to change the water hookup fee from \$100 to \$150 effective as of February 11, 2014. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There were no building permits issued according to zoning administrator, Steve Weiss.

Dareld Weber received permission from the Sterling Board of Trustees to block Atchison Street from Iowa Street to Bessey Storage units one-half block south of Highway 41 from February 28 to March 1 for a household auction on March 1 in a motion by Heusman seconded by Weiss. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion to allow Chris Nieveen \$250 a month for insurance and a week of paid vacation. Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk