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 7, 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: Greg Peterson, Vane Rengstorf, Scott Buss and Sean Moss. Others present: Spencer Pagel, Audrey Keebler, Jennifer Vermeer, and Steve Mercure. 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 January 12, 2016 meeting and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to allow the bills to include the following: Arbor Day Foundation, dues, $15.00; Richardson Tree Service, maint., $850.00, and Moss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon.com, lib sup-31.46; Black Hills Energy, fuel-856.39; BMG, fee-6069.30; Constellation Energy, fuel freight-824.67; Doug Heusman, supp-1055.00; First Bank of NE, fee-20.00; Jet Stop, fuel-277.29; Kuhl Trenching & Excavating, Inc-990.00; Midwest Laboratories, Inc, fee-13.40; Municipal Supply, sup-74.53; NPHEL, fee-15.00; NPPD, electricity, 2586.04; Olsson Associates, fee-212.78; One Call Concepts, fee-3.39; Payroll-4864.53; Payroll Taxes-1223.27; Quill, lib sup-55.37; Recycling Enterprises, recycle-480.00; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-45.59; Sign Pro, sign-998.52; Spencer Pagel, ph/ins.-360.00; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-121.58; Waymire Well Drilling, sup.-3.38; Windstream, phones-358.98; Wusk Repair, sup.-251.28. Total: $22,756.75.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, reported on the following subjects: pot hole by Audrey Keebler’s filled in, need to weld tractor brake pedal, garage door opener, back up curb stop locator, residents disposing of tires in dumpster, water class coming up.

Heusman discussed plans for the old Depot building to be removed to highest bidder. Rengstorf made a motion to accept bids for removal of the building to highest bidder and Moss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to rent the concession stand to the Sterling Public School for $10/ year for two years and Moss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion and accept the bid to have Richardson Tree Service cut down two trees at the cemetery. Moss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. Moss made a motion to allow the Village Clerk and Chairman to be in charge of renting the Fire Hall and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. The flag pole in front of the Post Office was discussed and Spencer is going to see if it’s something he can fix. Heusman discussed rock in the alleys and decided it’s up to residents to rock their alleys. Buss made a motion to get a couple loads of rock south of RR tracks to Spruce Street and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman discussed the need to have the mowing contract renewed for the cemetery. Heusman made a motion to advertise for a mowing contract for a three year period and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Delinquent water bills were discussed along with delinquent trash bills. Mecure will be sending a letter out. Heusman also discussed the concrete needing replaced by the bank building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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