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 9th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the new community building 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. Chairman John Keizer called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Ralph Wusk, Tom Nieveen, Steve Lempka, and Andy Thies. Others present: Sandy Weyers, Ryan Hoffman, Spencer Pagel, and Marissa Lempka.

Chairman Keizer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location in front of the Chairmans table. Chairman Keizer led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Nieveen made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included amending the agenda to include the payment of the following SCA Building Account bills: Hamm Glass for $795.25, Custom Countertop, Inc. for $1250.00 and second half to Custom Countertops, Inc. for $1250.00 to be paid after work is complete, Practice Sports, Inc. for $13,571.50, and Hancock Lumber for $1304.98 and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Wusk, Lempka, Nieveen, and Keizer. Absent: Thies. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to approve Wusk Repair bill for $365.00 and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Lempka, Nieveen, & Keizer. Abstained: Wusk. Absent: Thies. Motion carried. Wusk made a motion to approve NR Marketing bill for $375.00 and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Wusk, Nieveen, and Lempka. Abstained: Keizer. Absent: Thies. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Becky Barney, lib. Sup.-28.28; Black Hills, heating-1109.51; BMG CPA’s, fees-6800.00; Constellation, heating-618.93; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-515.08; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-515.02; Hamilton’s Equipment Company, sup.-776.60; Independent Salt Company, salt-980.10; Jet Stop, fuel-272.00; Kerner True Value, sup.-15.96; Marlin Ebbers Trucking, LLC., trucking-680.63; Melly’s Housekeeping, cleaning-40.00; NPPD, electricity-2342.39; NPHEL, samples-15.00; NR Marketing, website-375.00; Payroll January, payroll-5622.10; Payroll Taxes January, taxes-1520.22; Olsson, labor-75.13; Scotts Place, appr. Dinner-250.00; Spencer Pagel, Insurance-500.00; Sid’s Auto Parts, Inc., sup.-26.66; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Waste Connections, refuse-6043.70; Windstream, telephone-369.24; Wusk Repair, sup.-365.00; Board Member Fees: Ralph Wusk-75.00, Tom Nieveen-150.00, Steve Lempka-25.00. Total: $30,206.65.

No public comment.

Becky Barney, librarian, not available but adult book club going good, survey submitted, and still working on accreditation paperwork.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, snowed and will salt later on when it will actually work, skidsteer back from Hamilton but ordering a new seat since old one is broken but everything covered, neighbor to the community building drove through the lot while clearing snow, classes are all done, commercial applicators class is coming up, cemetery is cleared off as well, still waiting on cameras with Big Red, talked to Pat and he’ll be in town to replace street lights with LEDs soon.

Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk, inquired about adding sewer to Sterling Legion bill and board agreed to just leave as water only since it’s only occupied a few days out of the year, COVID vaccines still haven’t heard an update but individuals need to register themselves online, and customer with complaint on trash and recycle rates discontinued service.

Chairman Keizer will be on vacation after the March meeting.

Marissa Lempka, zoning administrator, received a proposal from Wenzl for a building, and received an inquiry about a shouse, meeting in January, and public hearing next month, and issued two more building permits.

Marissa discussed community building update with first event being the wine and ale festival on the 27th with liquor license and COVID approval from department of health, electrical in the kitchen will be installed later this week, flooring has been installed, changing family restroom to the one up front due to ADA guidelines, doors will be powder coated, and school agreement will be discussed tomorrow for practices.

FEMA update was discussed with Samantha having a telephone conference with PDMG and Brian Schuele and updating them on bridge construction being under contract and repairs aren’t an option for the bridge project.

Keizer discussed vacant property registrations and upcoming court date. Keizer meet with Rob Tichy about Broadway Street bridge to find property line and said it was confusing but was going to do some more digging. Professional service agreement from Olsson’s was discussed for Broadway Street bridge and tabled until next month. Street repair bids were discussed, Rogman still working on insurance and needing to add additional repairs to the list.

Dan Alexander is a bridge engineer who was wanting to give another option for the Broadway Street bridge but still no proposal. John discussed hiring contractors for snow removal when needed with two candidates interested already, going to get a list together of contractors and rates of interested candidates. Discussed parking on streets for snow removal with problems with people parking on the streets especially the truck route. Nieveen made a motion to approve Van kirk change order #1 for construction services and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to approve Olsson contract amendment #1 for construction services and Thies seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to approve Zito Media contract for a term of five years and Thies seconded this motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

John Keizer, Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk