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, April 12, 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, and Sean Moss. Absent: Scott Buss. Others present: Spencer Pagel, Audrey Keebler, Jennifer Vermeer, Steve Mercure, Chris and Mary Lafferty, Laurie Saathoff, Nathan Lempka, Lois Agena, and Ryan Lempka. 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 March 8, 2016 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to allow the bills to include the following: Richardson Tree Service, tree removal $1100.00, and Moss seconded the motion. Votes: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Amazon.com, lib sup-39.55; Barco Municipal Supplies, sup-390.57; Black Hills Energy, fuel-455.66; BMG, accounting-2612.50; Brenda Brammeier, cleaning-80.00; Constellation Energy, fuel freight-349.51; Jet Stop, fuel-225.95; Kaye Heusman, cleaning-80.00; Menninga Electronics, repairs-60.00; NPHEL, fee-150.00; NPPD, electricity, 2377.27; Olsson Associates, fee-390.65; One Call Concepts, fee-13.92; Payroll-4476.03; Payroll Taxes-1542.82; Recycling Enterprises of NE, recycle-240.00; Roofguard LLC, repairs-3285.00; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-23.97; Sign Pro, sign-1003.98; Southeast Area Clerks Assoc.,fee-10.00; Spencer Pagel, sup.-21.58; Spencer Pagel, ph/ins.-360.00; Sterling Rural Fire Department, Ins.-1288.00; Steve Mercure, monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-121.58; Sunrise Publications, advertising-39.60; Waymire Well Drilling, sup.-156.98; Windstream, phones-503.48; Wusk Repair, sup.-158.15. Total: $21,656.75.

Heusman discussed that he was going to discuss cameras for the dump with Chris Nieveen. Moss made a motion to get a game camera temporarily and Peterson seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman also discussed hiring Austin Buss for summer help with mowing, etc. Moss made a motion to hire Austin Buss and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Heusman discussed the city wide clean-up being scheduled for April 23-30th. Also, going to get a current list together with pictures of properties that need cleaned up. Laurie Saathoff discussed the need for a couple board members to be part of a City Improvement Committee. Peterson and Heusman agreed to help out with these committees. Ryan Lempka discussed property clean-ups, water, and available lots in the Sterling community that could help bring people to town.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, reported on the following subjects: no water tower inspection this month due to an emergency, water test coming up in May, Huls bid for repairs to trailer. Rengstorf made a motion to accept the bid from Roger Huls for repairs to the trailer and Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to accept Spencer’s bid from AquaChem for chlorine and Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Rengstorf made a motion to declare an emergency clause to adopt Resolution 2016-1 authorizing the subdivision of lot 10, in block 15, original town of Sterling, Johnson County, Nebraska, in accordance with NEB. REV. STAT. SECTION 19-919 and Moss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Peterson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Delinquent utility bills were also discussed and shut off notices will be sent out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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