

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, May 13, 2014 at 7:33 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: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss. Absent: Scott Buss and Chuck Wingert. Others present: Kevin McAuliffe, Audrey Keebler, Steve Mercure, Steve Weiss, Joe Pella, Jim Wenzl, Eldon Wilken. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Rengstorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to join the Arbor Day Foundation for \$15.00 per year. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Rengstorf, Weiss, Heusman. Motion carried. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment in a motion by Weiss and seconded by Rengstorf. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Arbor Day Foundation, dues-15.00; Black Hills Energy, fuel-388.70; BMG CPAS, fee-190.00; Chris Nieveen, ins. allowance-250.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-390.70; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-458.91; Gage County Equipment, Inc., sup.-215.79; Hawkins, Inc., sup.-228.50; Ivan Heusman, mileage-240.00; Jet Stop Inc, fuel-553.11; Kerner True Value, sup.-145.94; Kevin McAuliffe, insurance allowance and cell phone-330.00; Library books-49.71; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; MCI, phones-27.55; Midwest Labs, fee-ww-123.00; NPHEL, water tests-15.00; NPPD, electricity-2396.71; One Call concept, fee-12.55; ; Payroll-6248.12; Payroll taxes-1284.80; Sargent Drilling, well tests-225.00; SENE Coop., sup.71.74; Sid's Auto Parts, sup.-149.06; Stan Borchert Mowing, cemetery mowing-759.00; Steve Mercure, retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-118.04; Sterling Lumber, sup.-123.34; Unico Group Ins., treasurer's bond-200.00; Voice News, pub.-42.50; Waymire Well, sup.-317.36; Windstream, phones-191.96; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-192.65. Total: \$16,623.84.

Steve Weiss, zoning administrator, reported that a permit was issued to FirstNE Bank.

Kevin McAuliffe, utility superintendent, reported on these subjects: water tower inspection by Utilities Service taking paint samples to determine if lead is present/Utilities Service wants to meet with the board in regard to work that needs to be completed to ensure lifetime of the tower/Cost approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 with the work warranted.

Scott Buss arrived at the meeting in progress at 7:55 p.m.

Jim Wenzl and Joe Pella were present to discuss moving trees at the cemetery that are located on the Avenue of Flags. After discussion the Sterling Legion members and the Board of Trustees agreed that it was okay to wait to move the trees by October 1, 2014.

McAuliffe reported on the water meters. Cost to have a meter is \$15.00 and the water costs \$1.25 per 1000 gallon. Rate adjustments will be made this fall.

The brush site needs to be burned as it is overflowing. The railroad will be notified as to the best time to do the burn to avoid problems when trains are passing by.

Heusman made motion to hire three coaches for the Summer Recreation Program. They are Casey Haner, Brad Goracke and Mark Parde. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to hire Brent Heusman as Summer recreation Director and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Buss, Rengstorf and Weiss. Abstaining: Heusman. Motion carried.

Heusman made a motion to sell four outdated fire hydrants by sealed bids and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Steve Mercure, village attorney will prepare a resolution for the Board of Trustees to adopt.

McAuliffe has looked at a forty gallon sprayer at a cost of \$329.00 at Tractor Supply. Prices and amount of gallons will be researched before purchase is completed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk