SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

 STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in special session at the Sterling Fire Hall on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in 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, USPS-Sterling, and Village of Sterling City Offices. Chairman John Keizer called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Ralph Wusk, Steve Lempka, Andy Thies & Tom Nieveen. Others present: Audrey Keebler, Spencer Pagel, and Tom Bliss.

Chairman Keizer acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Fire Hall. Chairman Keizer led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Tom Bliss, SENDD, discussed options available to the community regarding nuisance abatement, owner occupied rehabilitation, and possible emergent threat funding to help with the E. Locust Street bridge project. Nuisance abatement is usually a springtime project and can either do the whole town or go around and choose 25 of the worst ones to enforce. Eligibility in emergent threat and other programs depend on Sterling’s LMI, which is 80% of the counties medium. Will have to do some checking as to what our LMI is for eligibility. Also, discussed landlord relief program to help landlords when tenants are not able to pay rent due to Covid and to possibly help out with deferred repairs to properties due to pandemic. Board agreed that we would be interested in the OOR and emergent threat programs so would like to continue to pursue such.

Chairman Keizer discussed water management conference he had attended earlier in the day and would keep board updated with anymore information that would pertain to us.

Chairman Keizer discussed bids received for the E. Locust Street project from VanKirk Bros., M.E. Collins, and K2 Construction. VanKirk Brothers bid came in the lowest and was considered a responsive and responsible bidder and was also the contractor Olsson recommended. Nieveen made a motion to authorize VanKirk Bros. as the contractor for E. Locust Street bridge project in the amount of $362,118 for a 2021 completion and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Chairman Keizer discussed whether we wanted to bond the project now or wait until construction in the spring with interest rates as low as they are now. Lempka made a motion to go ahead and sell bonds of up to $550k for construction and engineering costs of the E. Locust Street bridge project and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Board discussed NPPD’s bid to get power to the lift station located by bridge. Nieveen made a motion to approve the CIAOC of $5,334.21 for installation of underground electric commercial service to sewer lift station, located East of Lincoln and Locust Street intersection, Sterling, NE and Thies seconded this motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and Thies seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

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