

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, July 8, 2014 at 7:30 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: Scott Buss, Vane Rengstorf and Dwight Weiss. Absent: Chuck Wingert. Others present: Kevin McAuliffe, Audrey Keebler, Steve Mercure, Steve Weiss, Wilma Nieveen, Jill McAuliffe, Eldon Wilken, Ken Wentz, Gary Behrens, Jake Dugger and Roger Huls. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion.

Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to allow the bills and to include LeRoy Riensche, burning brush pile for \$330.00 and Moss Trucking for hauling concrete for \$250.00.

Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. The following bills were approved. Black Hills Energy, fuel-84.24; Board member fees: Dennis Heusman-300.00; Scott Buss-100.00; Vane Rengstorf-150.00; Dwight Weiss-150.00; Chuck Wingert-100.00; Chris Nieveen, ins. allowance-250.00; Constellation, fuel-10.67; Farmers Coop, propane tank rent-63.30; FirstBank of NE, transfer to money market account-100,000.00; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-205.58; Hamilton Equipment Co., sup.-85.50; Hawkins, Inc., sup.-112.50; Ivan Heusman, mileage-240.00; Jet Stop Inc, fuel-748.25; Kevin McAuliffe, insurance allowance and cell phone-330.00; LeRoy Riensche, burning brush pile-330.00; Library books-43.93; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; MCI, phones-27.20; Moss Trucking, hauling concrete-250.00; NPHEL, water tests-31.00; NPPD, electricity-2264.12; Olsson Associates, fee-83.80; One Call Concept, fee-11.40; Payroll-6263.12; Payroll taxes-1287.10; Sargent Drilling, service call-465.00; SENE Coop., sup.-155.61; Stan Borchert Mowing, cemetery mowing-1518.00 Steve Mercure, retainer and fees-1617.00; Steve Weiss, fee-118.04; Summer Recreation Director, Brent Heusman-1650.00; Summer Recreation Program coaches: Casey Haner-400.00; Brad Goracke-100.00; Mark Parde-100.00; Jackie Eickhoff-100.00; Voice News, pub.-39.56; Windstream, phones-188.74; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-80.70. Total: \$119,389.08.

Kevin McAuliffe, utility superintendent, reported on the following: Skills USA are painting sign and fire hydrants/Black Hills Energy are working on installation of gas lines near the water tower which involves crossing the villages' water lines/an individual is interested in the sand box previously at the park/mosquito spraying/closing designated streets for the car show and street dance July 12, 2014 for the Sterling Picnic/sewer line jetted on Atchison Street which showed problems with settling and needs to be repaired.

Water meters for business owners need to be verified before supplies are ordered.

Wilma Nieveen and Jill McAuliffe, addressed the Board of Trustees in regard to the bricks used for the cemetery directory. The bricks are chipped and Ken Wentz, Sterling Lumber Yard owner, stated that he will stand behind the work to make sure all work is completed satisfactorily.

No decision was made on the installation of lighting at the picnic shelters at the Sterling Park.

Two bids were received for the outdated fire hydrants as advertised. Kevin McAuliffe bid \$32.51 each for two hydrants and Dwight Weiss bid \$45.00 each for all four at \$180.00.

Heusman made a motion to accept the bid from Dwight Weiss for four hydrants in the amount of \$180.00. Vote: yeas: Buss, Rengstorf and Heusman. Abstaining: Weiss. Motion carried.

A Sterling resident has taken no action in clean up and mowing of the property. When an exact address can be obtained the owner will be notified.

There has been progress on residents mowing their yards.

Weiss made a motion and Buss seconded the motion on closing streets from Broadway to Washington and Broadway to Lincoln for the car show. Lincoln Street to Division will be closed for the street dance. All events are scheduled for the Sterling Picnic, July 12, 2014.

Rengstorf made a motion to let the Deer Creek Sodbusters use the bleachers for their annual show in August. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There was discussion on what the Jet Stop Inc. will be charged for snow removal and rock. When the exact amounts are obtained, Jet Stop Inc. will be billed accordingly.

A business owner has made some progress in regard to clean up of his property which is not enough for the owner of the adjoining property owner Roger Huls.. Mercure will send a letter in regard to the property as is is being declared a public nuisance.

Jake Duggen, Utility Services, was present with information concerning the water tower painting and cleaning. No action taken.

The Sterling Village Board will hold a special meeting Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the following. Utility Services with representative, Jake Suggester/street patching/lighting for the picnic shelters/water tap fee/cemetery directory/fire hall doors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk