REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Pro-temp Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. at the Village Office 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. Pro-temp chairman Ralph Wusk called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Tom Nieveen, Danny Fraley, and Steve Lempka. Absent: Chairman Keizer. Others present: Spencer Pagel.

Pro-temp Ralph Wusk acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the North wall and led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Lempka made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the additions of SCA Building Account bills: Julie Saathoff for $312.24 and L.P. Stewart & Sons Inc. for $6743.24 and seconded by Nieveen. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve Wusk Repair bill for $626.31 and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Lempka, Nieveen, & Fraley. Abstained: Wusk. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Aqua Chem, Inc., sup.-189.90; A Street Auto North, sup.-21.82; Black Hills, heating-177.97; BMG CPA’s, fees-250.00; Colonial Life, ins.-206.05; Constellation, heat-12.46; Echo Group, Inc., service-371.44; Farmers Cooperative, propane-63.30; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-309.06; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-340.98; Hamilton Equipment Company, sup.-12,400.00; Hancock Lumber, LLC, sup.-14.32; Hestermann’s Repair, LLC, sup.-325.00; High Tide Technologies, LLC, fee-360.00; Jet Stop, fuel-323.44; Kudu Lawn & Landscape, mowing-2100.00; League of NE Municipalities, dues-987.00; Midwest Engineering, Inc., fees at Broadway bridge-10,000; Municipal Automation & Control, fees-466.62, Municipal Supply, Inc. of Omaha, hydrants-5247.66; Nebraska Municipal Clerks’ Association, dues-25.00; NPPD, electricity-2732.09; NPHEL, samples-174.00; Olsson, fees for E. Locust St. bridge-5845.21; Payroll July, payroll-14190.28; Payroll Taxes July, taxes-3697.11; Samantha Gordon, insurance-500.00; Spencer Pagel, Insurance-500.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-100.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, lib. Sub.-48.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, pub.-172.23; UNICO Group, Inc., bond-100.00; USPS, stamps-165.00; Voice News, pub.-335.62; Waste Connections, refuse-5737.55; Waymire Well Drilling, Inc., sup.-25.92; Windstream, telephone-339.44; Wusk Repair, sup.-626.31. Total: $70,128.76.

Complaint about barking dogs was addressed with needing to get written complaints then send resident code and if not taken care of Mecure will file a complaint against them.

Becky Barney, librarian, wasn’t in attendance but Samantha said the 501C filing fee is $250, has a vacancy on the library board so need to advertise for another member, and she would be having a summer reading program hot dog feed on Thursday. Fraley made a motion to approve paying the $250 for the filing fee for 501C status for getting accredited and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, discussed charging the school for watering the football field also made the school a copy of key for well shed for usage, plan to attend NDOT highway meeting for highway project coming through town including bridges and widening streets later this fall, saw VanKirk Bros. down at E. Locust Street bridge so should be back in town soon to work, truck made a mess on Broadway Street downtown for the second time and told individual to quit parking down there to use the Jet Stop parking lot instead, discussed parking lot at community building being torn up by someone, and Gary Kuhl will be in town on Monday to work on Lincoln Street and coop culvert. Board discussed water usage of the school and decided to wait until meters are installed through out the whole town before we start charging for usage.

Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk, discussed dumpster diving and putting up a sign for no trespassing and not tampering with materials in dumpster so Mecure can send fines, caught Bob Wolfe on camera dumping a truck load of trash in rural customer roll off need to send a bill, SCA discussed putting up cable for parking rows at community building, stocking up on stamps since the price is increasing at the end of the month, and approving payroll prior to paying but working to get more details on this. Board approved to get three months supply of stamps to save a little on cost.

Samantha Gordon, zoning administrator, discussed the fence permit for 480 Maple Street with survey being complete and Sterling Ave. going from a sixty-foot street to thirty-foot street like at the East end so that fence could be built eight-foot to North of house and need to measure for corner lot regulations. Board agreed to have a special meeting to vacate the south half of Sterling Ave. on the West end of the street by Maple and go out to measure corner lot.

Property cleanups were discussed, with letters being out and will discuss more at September meeting.

Vacant property registrations were discussed and Samantha will get with Mecure to send out notices. Will be receiving a quarterly payment from NEMA for Olssons engineering and VanKirk pay app one.

Lempka made a motion to approve pay app 2 for VanKirk Bros. Contracting in the amount of $4216.50 and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve the change of zoning from commercial to residential for property located at 215 E. Broadway Street legal description Sterling-OT W6.5’ Lot 3 & All Lots 4-5 Blk 16 (0.32A) and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Eight bids were received and reviewed for the surplus property. Nieveen made a motion to accept Roger Moss’s bid for $2756.40 for the Case Lawn Tractor with 3-point blade and front-end loader and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to accept Doug Schmidt’s bid for $165.00 for the two fire hydrants and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to accept Mike Remund’s bid for $50.00 for the dog kennel and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. No bids submitted for the skidsteer tires. Spencer discussed coating the fire hall walls and roof along with the office space roof. Nieveen made a motion to approve Midwest Custom Coatings bid for coating the block walls and roof of the Fire Hall for $10,100 and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Nieveen made a motion to approve ordinance No. 2021-2 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, VACATING A PORTION OF LINCOLN STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA** and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Lempka made a motion to approve The Village of Sterling Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program guidelines and application packed from SENDD and approved pro-temp Ralph Wusk to sign this document and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Lempka, Fraley, and Nieveen. Abstained: Wusk. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Ralph Wusk, Pro-temp Chairman of the Board Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk