PUBLIC HEARING

STERLING VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Sterling Village Board of Trustees held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office 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, and Village of Sterling Village Offices. Pro-temp Chairman Ralph Wusk called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Tom Nieveen, Dan Fraley and Steve Lempka. Others present: Spencer Pagel, Bill Moss, and Todd Blome. Pro-temp Chairman Wusk acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Village Office and led with the pledge of allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget for 2023-2024. Todd Blome, BMG CPA’s, discussed the proposed budget, tax rate, and budget year comparisons over the last fifteen years. The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement with no public comment.

Another topic of discussion was the variance application received from Brian Smith located at 550 Washington St., legal description-STERLING-KNEELAND ADD LOT 10 & S46’ LOT 11 BLK 2 (.31A) from Section 5.07 Subsection C7 to allow a firearm business as a home occupation in Residential (R-1) district. Neighboring property owners were against the idea of having a firearm business in residential district.

Nieveen made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. and Fraley seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

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