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, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Hall 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. Pro-temp Chairman Andy Thies called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call: Ralph Wusk, Andy Thies, Tom Nieveen and Steve Lempka. Absent: Chairman John Keizer. Others present: Sandy Weyers, Ryan Hoffman, Sonja Wenzl, Mandy Craig, and Tim Norris.

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

Wusk made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Lempka seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills, heating-109.92; BMG CPA’s, accountant-50.00; Austin Buss, summer rec. director-1500.00; Austin Buss, ball coordinator-250.00; Buss Pest Control, pest control-120.00; Constellation, heating-7.54; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-451.04; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-274.18; Gage County Equipment, sup.-331.70; Hancock Lumber, sup-148.78; Hestermann Repair, LLC, repairs-626.09; Jet Stop, village bucks-20.00; Jet Stop, fuel-282.39; Klein Hardware, sup.-569.53; Kudo Lawn Care, cemetery mowing-3150.00; League of Nebraska Municipalities, dues-608.00; Midwest Custom Coating, repairs-6600.00; Moss Trucking & Excavating, LLC, sup.-1850.00; NPPD, sewer pump electrical-5334.21; NPPD, electricity-2557.13; NPHEL, samples-15.00; NR Marketing, website-375.00; Payroll August, payroll-6423.85; Payroll Taxes August, taxes-1679.85; Sid’s Auto Parts, sup.-159.99; Spencer Pagel, Insurance-July & August-1000.00; Sterling Ball Association, fees-one team-150.00; Steve Mecure, retainer-July & August-200.00; Tecumseh Chieftain, publishing-202.41; Waste Connections, refuse-6996.02; Windstream, telephone-399.49; Wusk Power, sup.-156.60; Jim Wenzl, refund of fire hall rental-125.00. Total: $42,723.72.

No report from librarian but Becky does plan to sell postcards at the 150-year celebration and have some crafts setup for kids.

Sonja Wenzl and Mandy Craig from Community Insurance Group presented a quote from Continental Western Group on an insurance renewal. Mandy expressed some concern with property only having actual cash value coverage with lower limits and depreciation so quote contained some ACV and others were replacement cost if they’ve been updated. Also, concerned with some coverage amounts that may need to be updated on buildings and did quote Fire Hall coverage and workmen’s comp policy as well.

Spencer Pagel, utility superintendent, wasn’t in attendance due to not feeling well but gave report of the following to Thies: electrical boxes are installed for cameras, NPPD will be back to re-install banner before celebration on Saturday, and waiting on Big Red to come install cameras.

Tim Norris, from Home and Farm Insurance presented the board with the renewal quote for insurance and explained that board had set lower limits on things in the past to keep the cost down but these limits can be updated. Going to discuss quotes at special meeting on September 17th and choose an insurance provider.

Samantha Gordon, Village Clerk, discussed special meeting for budget and SENDD Resolution on September 17th, and public hearing in October for 1 & 6 year plan.

Marissa Lempka, zoning administrator, was absent but reported one new permit for Adrian Allen.

Property clean-ups were discussed with no response from letters previously sent out. Board directed Mecure to file action no response properties.

Community center is still moving along with progress: floors are stained, and Moss’s are working on dirt work. Vacant property registrations were discussed one has paid fees, going to file a complaint on two others that haven’t paid fees, and going to review others that were deferred for six months previously to take action on them.

Board discussed closing Broadway Street from Washington to Lincoln Street. Nieveen made a motion to close Broadway Street from Washington Street intersection up to Lincoln Street leaving Lincoln Street open to access Broadway East out of town and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. The Board of Trustees and Mecure reviewed Olssons contract for renewal. Lempka made a motion to approve Olssons contract and Wusk seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Lempka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and Nieveen seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

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