

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Barn in a publicly convened session, the same 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 were: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Stan Karr. Others present: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Mercure, Roland Philippi, Craig Reinsch. Rengstorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, December 13, 2005, and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There was discussion on bills presented for payment. Wingert made a motion to allow the bills and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Altell, phones-256.04; Aquila, heating fuel-1776.11; Carp's, fuel-282.04; D & D Communications, rep.-84.80; First National Bankcard, su.-26.74; First National Bank, street bond interest-4235.00; First National Bank, loan payment-5000.00; Great Plains One Call, fee-7.66; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jack Weyers, fee-103.00; Keeler Grocery, su.-28.03; League of NE Municipalities, fee-50.00; Library books-292.51; MCI, phones-16.52; Postmaster, su.-87.44; NE Department of Revenue, taxes-226.58; NPPD, elec.-22196.75; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Payroll-3522.72; Payroll taxes-692.97; Redfield & Co., su.-2.96; SENE Coop, su.-4.10; State of NE, fee-83.00; Sterling Lumber, su.-89.29; Sterling School, lic. fees-40.00; UEO, su.-308.66; VOICE News, pub.-33.83; Waymire Well, su.-13.13; Westside Auto Parts, su.-121.37; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-5.90.

Craig Reinsch, Olsson Associates, was present to review the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for the fiscal year. Maintenance of streets including sealing cracks will be included in the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. A public hearing will be held February 14, 2006 at 6:45 p.m.

Delinquent utility accounts were discussed. Riensche will contact individuals to get those accounts under \$100.00 within ten days or service will be discontinued. Utility deposits were reviewed. Presently the charge is \$75.00. Weiss made a motion that as of January 11, 2006, the fee will be \$100.00. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These committee appointments were made by Chairman Heusman: streets and brush site-Heusman and Weiss; water and waste water-Wingert and Karr; cemetery-Rengstorf and Weiss; parks and recreation-Karr and Heusman; insurance and grants-Weiss and Wingert. Personnel appointed were: librarian-Sue Wilken; clerk-treasurer-Lola Wentz; utility superintendent, LeRoy Riensche; security guard-Ivan Heusman; village attorney-Steve Mercure.

All the above appointments were approved. Heusman appointed Jack Weyers as zoning administrator. That appointment was also approved by the Board of Trustees. Weiss made a motion to give village employees a 3% wage increase and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.



Rengstorf made a motion to purchase a cell phone for \$150.00 to assist Ivan Heusman in his security guard duties and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There was no report from Steve Weiss, Fire Chief. It was reported by Dwight Weiss that all fire trucks need to be serviced and the annual Sterling Legion Consignment Sale will be held in March.

It was reported that Dale Weber has been cleaning up the trees on his property.

Weiss made a motion to pay Ed Findlay \$25.00 per trip to haul recycling with Findlay using his own equipment. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Rengstorf made a motion to enclose the north and west sides of the lean-to addition on the village shop building for recycling. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Audrey Keebler, Tree Board Member, reported no progress to date on the tree removal for designated trees.

Wingert was appointed to the CDBG loan committee by Heusman: Vote: yeas: Weiss, Rengstorf, Heusman. Abstaining: Wingert. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the flood plain map.

Wingert made a motion to approve the extension of the loan at First National Bank for the fire barn and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Mercure reported that approximately 600 BRAN-Bike Riders Across Nebraska-will be going through Sterling on June 9 on their way to Tecumseh.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk