

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, January 10, 2012 at 7:40 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Barn in a publicly convened meeting 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: Scott Buss, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Others present: Steve Weiss, Steve Eickhoff, Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche, Justin Stark, John DeFreece, Eldon Wilken, Kevin McAuliffe. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Wingert made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011 and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to allow the bills as presented Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Buss, Heusman, Weiss, Wingert. Rengstorf abstained. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment:

American Legal Publishing, code books-650.00; Black Hills Energy, fuel-529.68; City of Tecumseh, handibus service-300.00; Colon Electric Motor Service, motor-45.88; Constellation Energy, fuel-542.33; Dept. of Correctional SVSC, chains & tool box-1085.00; Display Sales, sup.-44.25; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-228.20; First National Bank-Sterling, box rent-20.00; First National Bank-Sterling, st. bond int. & wire fee-831.75; Great Plains One Call, fee-5.20; Hawkins, Inc. sup.-272.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-340.10; Library books-436.09; MCI, phones-27.06; NPHEL test fees, water & ww-68.00; NPPD, electricity, 2291.24; Payroll-5372.37; Payroll Taxes-967.51; Steve Mercure, fee-1603.52; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Vane Rengstorf, film & developing pictures-59.87; Voice News, pub.-40.40; Westside Auto Supply, sup.-38.52; Windstream, phones-105.81; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-49.43. Total: \$17,541.92.

Chairman Heusman made the following appointments of personnel and committees: utility superintendent-LeRoy Riensche/village clerk-Lola Wentz/village attorney-Steve Mercure/ security guard-Ivan Heusman/water & wastewater-Wingert & Buss/streets & brush site-Heusman & Rengstorf/parks and recreation-Heusman & Buss/cemetery-Weiss & Rengstorf/grants-Wingert/insurance-Weiss/library board-Jackie Brammeier, Alyce Weiss, Mary Anna Pella, Shirley Zink, Becky Barney/zoning board-Gary Behrens, Steve Weiss, Joe Pella, Tim Sugden/zoning administrator-Steve Weiss/tree board-Dennis Heusman, Becky Barney, Bob Nielsen, Michelle Salberg. Weiss made a motion to approve the appointments of personnel and committees and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Justin Stark of Olsson Associates was present to discuss the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan prior to the public hearing February 14, 2012. The plan is essentially a continuation of the 2011 plan. Advance notice will be published prior to the the hearing at 6:45 p.m. on February 14, 2012.

NPPD's representative, John DeFreece reported that change will be made to the power switch at the ball field. The board expressed their appreciation to NPPD for installation and removal of the Christmas lights.

Utility superintendent, LeRoy Riensche, reported on the following: the village's supply of United States flags are gone and will be purchased from the American Legion - 6 4x6 and 6 5x8; Richardson Tree Service will trim trees; the roof on the water building needs to be repaired as well as the siding. The board approved the repairs for metal siding and metal roof for the building and roof of the well house ; the street patch at the habitat house will be billed to the owner after costs of same are received from Doug Heusman of Pavers; Field Ford will repair the village pickup; the board requested Riensche to burn brush pile whenever the first snow appears; the board approved purchase of a 1991 Chevrolet 4 wheel drive pickup truck for \$2750.00 from the Department of Correctional Services providing it meets with the board's approval..

Steve Eickhoff, fire chief, presented his report to the board.

Rural garbage service was discussed. Heusman will talk to the Midwest Refuse in an attempt to verify customers and resolve problems.

No action was taken on the annexation of property. This is tabled until the February meeting.

Weiss reported that the merger with the Sterling Fire Department and the Sterling Rural Department are still pending with no action taken.

Weiss reported that the bids have arrived for a housing rehabilitation project and will be reviewed by Ben Voltz of Southeast Nebraska Development District.

The board reviewed the listing of delinquent utility bills and shut off notices will be posted.

Wingert introduced Ordinance 2012-1 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, BY ADDING SECTION 32.45 PROHIBITING FIRES OR BURNING WITHIN THE VILLAGE WITHOUT BURN PERMITS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE" which was read by title. Buss moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and Trustee Heusman seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Upon roll call vote the following voted yea: Buss, Heusman, Rengstorf, Wingert, Weiss. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the board and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Said ordinance was then read by title only. Trustee Heusman moved for final passage of the ordinance and Buss seconded the motion. "Shall Ordinance 2012-1 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following voted yea: Buss, Heusman, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Board of Trustees, the chairperson declared the ordinance adopted and the clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto and ordered the ordinance to be published as provided therein and to be posted in three public places in the Village of Sterling. A true, correct and complete copy of said ordinance was made a part of the minutes for reference.

The board reviewed the possible implementation of a sales use tax in Sterling with the Village attorney, Steve Mercure, drafting a resolution to place this on the ballot for the primary election. Said resolution will be on the February agenda and acted on at that time.

Rengstorf distributed photographs of numerous properties in regard to cleaning up their properties. The owners will be notified.

Weiss advised the board that correspondence from Continental Western requiring fire extinguishers to be updated. This will insure fire safety for staff and emergency personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk