

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 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: Scott Buss. Others present: Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche, Steve Eickhoff, Steve Weiss, Audrey Keebler.

Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn.

Committee appointments made by Chairman Heusman are as follows: waste water-Wingert & Rengstorf/streets and brush site-Heusman & Weiss/parks and recreation-Buss & Weiss/cemetery-Rengstorf & Buss/grants-Wingert & Heusman/insurance-Weiss.

Personnel: utility superintendent-LeRoy Riensche/village clerk-treasurer-Lola Wentz/village attorney-Steve Mercure/librarian-Susan Wilken/security guard-Ivan Heusman/zoning administrator-Steve Weiss. Weiss made a motion to approve personnel positions and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to increase Chris Nieveen's hourly wage from \$8.24 to \$9.50 per hour and other employees will receive a three percent increase. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. The bills were approved in motion by Buss and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: B.A.B, dirt work on Locust & Main Streets-2920.00; Black Hills Energy, fuel-756.85; board member fees: Buss-150.00/Heusman-350.00/Rengstorf-125.00/Weiss-175.00/Wingert-150.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-800.24; Doug Heusman, rock-648.00; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Nation Bank-Sterling, box rent-20.00; First National Bank, sup.-195.87; Great Plains One Call-fee-6.03; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-670.83; Kuhl Trenching, rep.-1506.97; Library books-276.65; MCI, phones-40.46; Midwest Labs, fee-59.50; NE Dept. of Rev., wh taxes-385.65; NPHEL, fees-301.00; NPPD, ele.-2010.81; Payroll - 5526.66; Payroll taxes - 1048.57; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-750.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-56.88; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-111.25; Steve Weiss, sup.& carpet cleaning-FD-170.00; Voice News, pub.-42.08; Westside Auto, sup.-15.83; Windstream, phones-421.15; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-75.69. Total: \$21,444.22.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following topics: snow cleanup/plow truck needs repairs as it is out of service at this time. Chris Nieveen will be attend a water training class in Firth, NE with Riensche in the near future.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported that the rural pumper is down and in need of repair/fire fighter classes will be held with one class per month for six to months/a new member application will be reviewed with the rural board before presentation to the village board.

There was discussion on the Conradi property. It was reported that Jeff Bessey is working with owner Glen Conradi to complete the transaction. A deadline of January 25, 2011 was mandated by the Sterling Village Board of Trustees. At that time all necessary paperwork must be completed in order to move forward on this project.

Weiss made a motion to raise the monthly garbage rate to \$16.50 each month from \$15.50 due to an increase by Midwest Refuse. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Increase will be begin February 1, 2011, the next collection date. Water/sewer/garbage delinquent customers will receive notice that their service will be discontinued on January 28, 2011, if bill is not paid by January 25, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk