

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 12, 2010 at 7:00 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. The Open Meetings Act and location were acknowledged. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Scott Buss, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Visitors: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure, Eldon Wilken, Brian Chaffin, Tim Norris.

Personnel appointments and committees are as follows: utility superintendent-LeRoy Riensche/clerk-treasurer-Lola Wentz/village attorney-Steve Mercure/librarian-Sue Wilken/security guard-Ivan Heusman/streets-Rengstorf and Heusman/water and wastewater-Wingert and Buss/cemetery-Weiss and Rengstorf/parks and recreation-Buss and Heusman/insurance-Weiss/grants-Wingert/library board-Jackie Brammeier, Shirley Zink, Becky Barney. Weiss made a motion to approve personnel and appointments and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Rengstorf made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009 meeting and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills as presented and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-621.45; Constellation Energy, fuel-954.21; Chris Nieveen, bobcat rent-90.00; Cummins Central Power, LLC, rep.-447.91; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Bankcard, sup.-703.53; First National Bank, int. on street bonds-2165.75; First National Bank, fee on wire transfer-15.00; Great Plains One Call, fee-4.87; Harold Richardson, tree removal-350.00; Home & Farm Ins., ins.-649.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop, Inc. fuel-1385.33; Library books-158.60; MCI, phones-13.78; NE Dept. of Rev., wh taxes-343.62; NPHEL, fee-170.00; NPPD, ele.-1913.77; Nestor & Mercure, fee-1062.50; Payroll-5354.61; Payroll taxes-1143.77; Roger Huls, rep.-107.50; Sterling Lumber, sup.-119.67; Steve Weiss, fee-111.25; T.O. Haas, rep.-42.38; Voice News, pub.-36.19; Waymire Well, sup.-9.88; Windstream, phones-122.19; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-336.05; Board member fees: Buss-175.00/Heusman-400.00/Rengstorf-200.00/Weiss-200.00/Wingert-175.00. Total: \$19,655.81.

Discussion followed on delinquent accounts and they will be contacted.

There was discussion on use of bobcat rent for Sterling School for operator and bobcat rent. The rate is thirty dollars an hour for providing machine and operator.

Brian Chaffin, Olsson Associates representative, was present to discuss the upcoming hearing for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. Public hearing will be advertised and held February 9, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Barn.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these subjects: water main break/lots of snow removal/plowed sixty-two miles to remove snow from streets after last storm.

Tim Norris, Home and Farm Insurance, reviewed the insurance audit in regard to workman's compensation.



Bids were opened for the library furnace. Dallas Christline bid \$4260.00; Klein Heating bid \$3478.00; Al Lempka Heating and AC bid \$3525.00. Weiss made a motion to award the bid to Klein and AC and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Air conditioner payment pending on weather conditions.

Chairman Heusman reported on the snow removal and appreciated the assistance from individuals during the removal process.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk