

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 13, 2009 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 location was acknowledged. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Scott Buss. Visitors: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Mercure, Steve Weiss, Mike and Judy Keim. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held December 9, 2008 and Rengstorf 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-879.20; BMG, fee-158.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-1236.38; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Bankcard, sup.-278.51; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; J.B. Masonry, lib. Rep.-1175.00; Lempka Heating, rep.-244.00; Library books-302.01; MCI, phones-13.69; Midwest Labs, fee-126.20; Municipal Supply, sup.-85.06; NPPD, ele.-1856.38; Nestor & Mercure, fee-580.00; NPHEL, fee-9.00; Payroll-4695.28; Payroll taxes-1016.37; Steve Weiss, fee-108.00; True Value Hardware, sup.-29.11; Windstream, phones-236.57; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-48.70; board member fees: Heusman-350.00; Karr-100.00; Rengstorf-150.00; Weiss-175.00; Wingert-175.00. Total: \$17032.71.

Chairman Heusman made the following committee appointments: Streets-Heusman and Rengstorf; Water & Wastewater-Wingert and Buss; Cemetery-Weiss and Rengstorf; Parks and Recreation-Heusman and Buss; Garbage and brush site-Heusman and Wingert; Grants-Wingert; Insurance-Weiss. Personnel appointments: Utility superintendent-LeRoy Riensche; Village Clerk-Treasurer-Lola Wentz; Village Attorney-Steve Mercure; Library-Sue Wilken; Security guard-Ivan Heusman; Zoning Administrator-Steve Weiss; Library Board: Jackie Brammeier, Jeannie Albrecht, Shirley Zink, Becky Barney.

Wingert made a motion to allow the appointments and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Mike and Judy Keim have a complaint on the lack of cleanup on the Conradi property across the street from their residence. Scott Buss joined the meeting in progress at 7:14 p.m. Steve Mercure, village attorney will contact the owners, Marian Ripenburg and Glen Conradi concerning property cleanup with a deadline of February 10, 2009.

Carol Riensche's and Sue Wilken's thank yous were read for plants received after being hospitalized. The Jack Weyers family thanked the village for their memorial to the Sterling Scholarship Fund.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these topics: census map update with Olsson Associates in charge; Chris Nieveen will be helping to clear trees from the Pratt's branch bridge weather permitting.

Steve Weiss, zoning administrator, reported zero permits. Steve Weiss, Fire Chief, reported that the ISO rating is down to seven from a ten which will be effective June 1, 2009. Weiss reported the election of officers for the Sterling Fire Department: president-Steve Masur; vice-president-Stan Borchert; treasurer-Matt Saathoff; secretary-Kevin

Wentz; Fire Chief-Steve Weiss; Assistant Fire Chief-Steve Eickhoff; training officer-Dean Borchert.

Chairman Heusman reported that Everette Wusk has purchased the former Weber property near his residence. NRD has special project grants for the urban area. Sterling Community Association purchased a block of Weber property as a future site for a community center.

Wage increases for village employees was tabled until next month.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk