

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 8, 2008 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 was read. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Stan Karr, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Vane Rengstorf. Visitors: LeRoy Riensche, Audrey Keebler, Todd Blome, James Burroughs, Kelly Buhr.

Wingert made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held December 11, 2007 and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment in a motion by Weiss and Wingert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Al Wusk Electric, rep.-400.21; Aquila, fuel-1998.37; BMG, audit-3656.60; Carp's, fuel-1126.68; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First National Bank of Omaha, sup.-153.31; Hawkins Water Treatment, sup.-179.90; Hestermann Repair, rep.-223.63; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Library books-68.74; MCI, phones-12.61; Midwest Labs, fee-6.95; NE Dept. of Revenue, at taxes-293.22; NPPD, ele.1976.21; NPHEL, fee-8.00 Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Payroll-4378.15; Payroll taxes-929.85; Sterling Lumber, sup.-761.76; Westside Auto-rep.-10.30; Windstream, phones-245.85; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-22.50. Fees: D. Heusman-450.00; S. Karr-100.00; V. Rengstorf-200.00; D. Weiss-225.00; C. Wingert-175.00; Vane Rengstorf, snow removal-48.00.

Total: \$

James Burroughs, Olsson Associates, reviewed the Six and One Year Street Improvement Plan for the fiscal year. Bridge work on the East Broadway Street, Locust Street and Illinois Street was included in the program. A public hearing will be held February 12, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Hall.

Todd Blome of the auditing firm BMG presented the completed audits for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. There was discussion on the income and expenditure audited items.

Kelly Buhr, Jet Stop Inc., addressed the board as one of the new owners of the business. A public hearing will be held February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to approve their liquor license.

Delinquent utility customers will be sent shut-off notices. Mercure will be contacted in regard to updating a resolution concerning the shut-offs..

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these items: cost of water meters and pits; ball field watering usage. Karr made a motion to purchase three water meters, parts and labor and installation and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all.

Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: ISO letter; hydrant flow. Riensche will order two hydrants and all fittings.

Weiss made a motion to allow a four percent raise increase for personnel and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Permission was granted for Ehmen Farms to place an irrigation well on their property located at SE ¼ Section 22 – Township 06 North – Range 09 East of Johnson County.



Chairman Heusman reported on vicious dogs running at large.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk