

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 8, 2013, at 7:03 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 Mercure, LeRoy Riensche, Justin Stark, Eldon Wilken, Kevin McAuliffe, Ann Wickett, Todd Blome, Joe Pella. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Buss made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012 and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills as presented with the addition of Peters Electric Inc. for \$1333.93 for lights on the Fire Barn and Steve Weiss for cleaning carpet at the Fire Hall. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-531.98; BMG, audit of financial statements-General & KENO-5538.00; Board member fees: Dennis Heusman-450.00; Scott Buss-200.00; Vane Rengstorf-225.00; Dwight Weiss-225.00; Chuck Wingert-175.00; Chris Saathoff, rep.-275.00; City of Tecumseh, handibus service-300.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-435.20; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-834.24; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-670.36; Johnson County Clerk, Kathleen Nieveen, election exp.-55.62; Kerner True Value, sup.-186.51; Kevin McAuliffe, ins. Allowance & cell phone-330.00; Kuhl Trenching, water meters-623.30; Library books-42.59; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; MCI, phones-25.71; NPHEL test fees, water-180.00; NPPD, electricity, 2979.76; One Call Concepts, fee-11.90; Pavers, crack sealing-walking path & cemetery-2500.00; Payroll-5956.02; Payroll Taxes-1114.52; Peters Electric Inc., lights-Fire Barn-1333.93; Steve Mercure, fees and retainer-2173.52; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Voice News, pub.-30.72; Sid's Auto Supply, sup.-251.26; Waterworks, sup.-53/78; Windstream, phones-110.60; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-742.34. Total: \$28,469.23.

Utility superintendent, Kevin McAuliffe, reported on the following: two water meters and pits are to be installed by February/residents with meters will be billed according to usage in February/new tires have been put on the bobcat and tractor/working on depot floor/water class in Firth, Nebraska, is January 10th that McAuliffe will attend.

Wingert made a motion to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program Plan with the following changes: asphalt overlay of Main Street between Broadway and Illinois; asphalt surfacing of Illinois Street from Lincoln Street to approximately one-hundred-fifty feet to the east. Six year street plan proposes asphalt overlay of Lincoln Street between Locust and Illinois. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Todd Blome, CPA with the firm BMG CPAS, reviewed the audit of the General Fund accounts for the year ending September 30, 2012. The Village of Sterling has no bonded debt. All reports were satisfactory. Also reviewed was the KENO and was found to be in compliance for the report ending September 30, 2012. Blome recommended transferring \$70,000 to the Street Fund from the General Fund for the year ending September 30, 2012.

No building permits have been issued this month.

Heusman checked into properties that are to be annexed into the Village of Sterling and it appears that Steve Dean Seeds is the only one. Mercure will get paperwork in order for transfer from the county to the village.

Water rate for the meter located by the Sterling Fire Barn was discussed. McAuliffe will check on the price of a new meter at that location.

Trees located north of Joe Pella's property will be trimmed to make it more accessible for snow removal.

Weiss made a motion to lower the water rate charge for the Sterling Clinic to \$20.00 due to the fact that there are only one and one-half days that he is in the office. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Resolution 2013-1 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 14, ORIGINAL TOWN OF STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND AUTHORIZING CHARIMAN TO EXECUTE ALL SALE INSTRUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE". The above real estate was purchased from Darren Belding. Wingert made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-1 and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Buss made a motion to have Ivan Heusman continue as security guard for the Village of Sterling and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Buss, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert. Abstaining: Heusman. Motion carried.

Utility bills for the Sterling Fire Barn are shared equally with the Village of Sterling and Sterling Fire Department will be sent every two months for payment,

Delinquent utility bills were discussed. McAuliffe will contact those individuals.

Tim Norris, Home & Farm Insurance representative, will be contacted by the clerk in regard to the completion of the workman's compensation audit.

The Sterling Board of Trutees entered into executive session at 8:35 p.m. in a motion by Heusman and seconded by Wingert. The purpose of the session was for clarification. Heusman made a motion to close executive session at 8:50 p.m. and Wingert seconded the the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Buss made a motion to return funds given to the Village of Sterling in the amount of \$10,000 to the LM Schmidt family and seconded by Wingert. Vote: yeas: Buss, Wingert, Heusman. Nays: Rengstorf, Weiss. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk