

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 9, 2007 at 7:06 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: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss. Absent: Stan Karr, Chuck Wingert. Others present: Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche. Stan Karr joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting December 12, 2006 and Karr seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. The Perpetual Care Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$5300.00 is due for renewal. Interest rates will be reviewed and placed in an account with a higher interest. Karr made a motion to allow the bills and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Heusman, Karr, Rengstorf, Weiss. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Aquila, heating fuel-1304.90; Basso, McClure & Goeglein, fee-70.00; Carp's, fuel-379.61; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; Fees-board members: Heusman-65.00; Karr-50.00; Rengstorf-150.00; Weiss-65.00; Wingert-65.00; First National Bank, sup.-218.86; First National Bank, street bond interest-\$3,797.50; Galaxy Cablevision, fee-39.11; Hawkins Water Treatment, sup.-203.11; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Library books-231.24; MCI, phones-49.31; Midwest Labs, fee-61.65; Municipal Supply, sup.-533.54; NE Dept. of Revenue, taxes-272.91; NPPD, ele.-1758.34; Nestor & Mercure, fee-1591.17; Payroll-4369.35; Payroll taxes-928.51; Schmader Electrical Constructions, rep. & sup.-980.00; State of NE, fee-47.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-134.63; Southeast NE Coop, sup.-4.40; Westside auto, sup.-41.32; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-149.67; Total: \$18113.19.

Delinquent utility customers will be notified to keep all accounts current.

Chairman Heusman made the following committee appointments: water and wastewater-Wingert and Karr; streets and brush site-Heusman and Wingert; park and recreation-Karr and Heusman; cemetery-Weiss and Rengstorf; insurance-. Personnel: clerk-treasurer-Lola Wentz; library-Sue Wilken; attorney-Steve Mercure; security guard-Ivan Heusman. Tree board-Audrey Keebler, Betty Vermeer, Brett Barney; Library board-Shirley Zink, Jackie Brammeier, Becky Barney. Weiss made a motion to approve these appointments and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman appointment LeRoy Riensche as utility superintendent and Weiss made a motion to approve Riensche and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Karr contacted Tim Smith of Diode Cable to inquire when service is available and gave an update on progress.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following: Water Environment Association/Rural Water annual conference at Columbus, NE, March 12-14/Water System Capacity Development free class at Tecumseh sponsored by Health & Human Service/Midwest Assistance Program in Auburn January 18, 2007/cost estimate from state labs for 2007/dog complaint/pickup repairs/snow plow truck unrepairable/need to replace present snow plow truck.

Weiss reported on the fire department in behalf of the fire chief: eight firemen took CPR and defibulator training in December; working with rural board to get a new equipment truck; January 15, 2007 regular meeting to discuss possible merger with the Village of Sterling and Rural Fire Board.

Discussion was held on meters for individuals with service just outside the city limits. Riensche will check on prices.

There was discussion on closing a street at the Sterling Cemetery.

Ed Findlay's check in the amount of \$100.00 (issued October 2006) has been lost and a replacement will be sent for the same amount for hauling recycling.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk