

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, **October 9, 2007** at 7:30 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: Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Stan Karr, Vane Rengstorf. Others present: LeRoy Riensche, Audrey Keebler, Steve Mercure, Jack Weyers, Roland Philippi, Maddie Daehling, Brandon Nieveen. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held September 14, 2007 and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment with the question of Windstream's low billing. These bills were approved for payment in a motion by Weiss and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Al Wusk, rep.-777.14; BMG, fee-352.05; Carp's, fuel-437.58; Denise Wolff, sup.-32.91; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; Field Ford, rep.-32.00; First National Bank of Omaha, sup.-148.41; Great Plains One Call-fee-25.72; Hill's Pest Control, fee-75.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-240.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Kuhl Trenching, rep.-785.00; Library books-111.18; MCI, phones-11.59; Midwest Labs, fee-123.90; Municipal Supply, sup.-326.21; NE Dept. of Revenue, taxes-293.22; NPPD, ele.1701.15; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Payroll-4737.35; Payroll taxes-984.81; Quill, sup.-111.94; Stan Borchert, cemetery mowing-1400.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-15.11; Sterling Rural Fire Dept., ins.-66.50; SENE Area Clerks, dues-10.00; Voice News, pub.-51.85; Westside Auto, sup.-98.81; Windstream, phones-48.47; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-189.90. Total: \$12,487.17. Delinquent utility customers bill be contacted and every effort will be made to keep customers current.

Sterling School Leadership Group members, Maddie Daehling and Brandon Nieveen, asked the Sterling Board of Trustees for permission to update restrooms and concession stand at the park. Lighting, painting, redo stall curtains and update the baby changing table. Weiss made a motion to allow the group to do the updates by providing materials necessary for the project. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported: winterizing village equipment and vehicles.

Several firemen toured the ethanol plant near Adams to review their fire suppression system in a report by Trustee Weiss.

A zoning permit was accepted by Gary Behrens for garage construction.

Rengstorf arrived at 8:50 p.m.

Recycling transportation was discussed along with the voltage equipment and housing the cardboard baler. Recycling Enterprises will provide Gaylord boxes for materials collected. GLASS will no longer accepted at the recycling site due to the cost.

Wingert reported that a quote from Sonitrol Verified Electronic Security concerning the installation of six security surveillance cameras in the downtown business area. Cost: \$15,421. After discussion the matter was tabled until all board members had researched the offer. A Homeland Security Grant is a funding option if available.



Bids were received from Wusk Power Equipment and Yohe Farm Supply for mower replacement. No action taken. Fence replacement at the tennis court was discussed with no action taken until potential grants are investigated.

Sterling Community Association representative, Nancy Harms, approached the board for permission to hold a wine tasting event on a separate date from the Sterling Picnic. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk