

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, December 15, 2009 at 7:05 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 and location were acknowledged. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Scott Buss, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Visitors: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure.

Nominations for board chairman were made this being the reorganization meeting. Weiss nominated Rengstorf. Rengstorf withdrew the nomination. Weiss nominated Heusman and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Buss, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert. Not voting: Heusman. Motion carried. Heusman will remain board chairman for 2010. Personnel appointments and committees will be made at the January meeting. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills as presented with the inclusion of walking path materials to Women and Today from KENO fund and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: American Legal Publishing, code books-650.00; Black Hills Energy, fuel-237.30; City of Tecumseh, handibus expense-300.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-143.16; Cornhusker Press, sup.-4.50; Doug Heusman, rock-642.86; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Bankcard, sup.-138.05; Great Plains One Call, fee-7.07; Hawkins, sup.-146.00; Home & Farm Ins., ins.-512.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop, Inc. fuel-346.16; Library books-50.77; MCI, phones-13.95; Midwest Labs, fee-126.80; NDEQ, sewer payment-6289.42; NDEQ, fee-Riensche-150.00; NPHEL, fee-10.00; NPPD, ele.-1708.41; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Payroll-5216.59; Payroll taxes-1006.53; Presto-X, fee-70.00; Quill, sup.-185.60; Steve Weiss, sup.-93.60; Steve Weiss, fee-111.25; Voice News, pub.-45.02; Westside Auto, sup.-43.72; Windstream, phones-412.56; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-270.34. Total: \$19,539.81.

There was discussion on delinquent utility accounts and the overdue customers will be contacted.

Weiss made a motion to authorize a contribution to the Sterling Resuce Squad for community betterment from the KENO fund in the amount of \$3000.00 and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these items: bids received for recycled rubber materials for playground at the park; Champlin Tires has supplies available for purchase; snow removal; equipment failure; recycling trailer is full and ready for transportation.

Steve Weiss, Fire Chief, reported the results of election of officers for the Sterling Fire Department. President-Steve Masur/vice-president-Stan Borchert/secretary-Kevin Wentz/treasurer-Matt Saathoff/ Fire Chief-Steve Eickhoff/Assistant Fire Chief-Dan

Heitbrink/training officers-Todd Pella and Dean Borchert. Discussion followed concerning various ways to set up the fire hall in an emergency situation.

Bids for the furnace at the Sterling Library were received from Klein Heating and AC/Al Lempka Heating and AC/Dallas Christline. No action taken. The Board of Trustees will have the bid presenters present at the next regular meeting, January 12, 2010, to make sure all bids were on the same type of furnace.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk