

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 9th, 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. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Dwight Weiss, Vane Rengstorf and Chuck Wingert. Newly elected Trustee Scott Buss was Administered the Oath of Office. Chairman Heusman announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the north wall. Others present were: Utilities Superintendent Leroy Riensche, Village Attorney Steve Mecure, Zoning Administrator Steve Weiss, and Sterling Community Association Member Nancy Harms. The annual reorganization of personnel was conducted with Weiss making a motion to retain Heusman as Chairman and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman announced that he would have committee assignments at the January meeting. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, November 11, 2008 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There was a general discussion on bills presented for payment. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Weiss, Wingert, Heusman, Buss. Abstain: Rengstorf. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, heating fuel \$282.94; Windstream, phones \$234.83; Great Plains One Call, fee \$3.86; Jet Stop, fuel \$658.51; NPPD, service \$1,650.97; First Bankcard, supplies \$71.73; MCI, phones \$13.60; Payroll taxes \$1,012.67; Nestor & Mecure, fee \$100.00; Payroll \$4,671.08; Library books \$21.97; Ivan Heusman, mileage \$240.00; Kuhl Trenching, water repairs \$500.00; Voice News, publications \$54.93; Midwest lab, fee \$59.50; Wusk Power, repairs & Bobcat tires \$774.06; Municipal Supply, supplies \$558.50; Employers Benefit Program, LR insurance \$200.00; Steve Weiss, fee \$108.00; Olsson Associates, fee \$803.53; Sterling Lumber, supplies \$245.08; Pavers, rock \$319.49; D & D Communications, pager repair \$99.00; City of Tecumseh, handibus \$300.00; Home & Farm Insurance, payment \$206.00; NDEQ, sewer payment \$6,316.77; DHHS Lab, fee \$9.00; Vane Rengstorf, cemetery maps & grave locating \$95.00; Constellation Energy, heating fuel \$571.31; Closet Masters, library windows \$964.00.

Nancy Harms on behalf of the Sterling Community Association requested permission to hold a Wine & Beer Tasting Event on Sunday October 11th, 2009 at the Village Fire Hall. Wingert made a motion to grant permission and allow the Event and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Utility Superintendent, Leroy Reinsche, reported: He is ready to go with vehicles and equipment for snow. Wingert made a motion seconded by Rengstorf for Riensche to purchase curb savers for snowplow blade. Vote: yea: all. Riensche also reported & discussed replacing 2 water service lines, ordered sewer cleaner, the Garbage Company is replacing 8 garbage cans, cleanup at the Conradi place and that recycling material value is down.

Fire Chief Weiss: nothing to report. Zoning Administrator Weiss: no permits received. Sterling Ball Association supply invoice: no action taken. Sterling School CAN organization presentation: no representative present.

Weiss made a motion seconded by Rengstorf to approve a Two Year Professional Services Agreement with Olsson Associates. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Mecure discussed with the Board adopting a Resolution determining that utility accounts of customers of the Village are not at risk for identity theft and declaring no records shall be released to the public except as provided by statute. No action was taken.

Disaster housing was discussed and participating with the Nemaha NRD in hazard mitigation planning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk