

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, February 10, 2009 at 7:09 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 location was 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 Mercure, Steve Weiss, Mike and Judy Keim, Dennis Graham, John DeFreece. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held January 13, 2009 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion to allow the bills as presented and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: American Legal Publishing, supplies-650.00; Barco, sup.-572.50; Beatrice Board of Public Works, sewer jetting-323.95; Black Hills Energy, fuel-900.23; Constellation Energy, fuel-1228.78; D & D Communications, rep.-29.40; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Bankcard, sup.-59.99; First National Bank, box rent-20.00; Hawkins Water Treatment, sup.-220.50; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop, Inc.-fuel-647.35; Kuhl Trenching, rep.-375.00; Library books-467.92; MCI, phones-13.60; Municipal Supply, sup.-312.18; NPPD, ele.-2181.13; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; NPHEL, fee-56.00; Payroll-4689.08; Payroll taxes-1015.42; Sterling Lumber, sup-35.96; Steve Weiss, fee-108.00; Steve Weiss, sup.-77.65; Windstream, phones-235.46; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-31.57. Total: \$13,146.88.

Wingert made a motion to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan as amended for Sterling, Nebraska, 2009-2010 and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Mike and Judy Keim were present to check progress on the Conradi property cleanup. Steve Mercure, village attorney, reviewed correspondence received from the Conradi family legal counsel. Mercure needs listing of work that needs to be accomplished in a reasonable time frame.

Delinquent utility accounts were discussed and will be sent shut-off notices.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these subjects: water main break; garbage company contacted about more totes; fire hall window replacement; pickup in need of repair.

Fire Chief, Steve Weiss, reported that pagers have been repaired and that a UHF radio can be installed with Sterling Rural Fire Department sharing the costs.

John DeFreece, NPPD, representative, was present to meet the new board members. Chairman Heusman thanked John for his assistance in putting up the Christmas lights each year and replacing bulbs at the park yearly when necessary.

Wingert made a motion to allow a wage increase for village employees of three percent retroactive from January 1, 2009. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Wingert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, DETERMING THAT UTILITY ACCOUNTS OF CUSTOMERS OF THE VILLAGE

OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, ARE NOT AT RISK FOR IDENTITY THEFT AND DECLARING THAT NO RECORDS SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER NEB.-STAT. SECTION 84-712.05". Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

One zoning permit was presented and that was from St. John Lutheran Church for a new garage.

Richardson Tree Service will remove seven trees at the Sterling Cemetery for \$1600.00. Nemaha Natural Resource District representative, Chuck Wingert, discussed the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the various projects eligible.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk