

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 13, 2007 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. The Open Meetings Act was read. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Stan Karr, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Others present: Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche. Stan Borchert, Roger Huls.

Karr made a motion to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting January 9, 2007 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. The bills were approved for payment with the exception of Windstream in the amount of 725.40 pending clarification. Wingert made a motion to allow the bills and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: American Legal Publishing, code books-550.00; Aquila, heating fuel-1773.17; Basso, McClure & Goeglein, audit-3388.00; Carp's, fuel-554.61; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; Field Ford, rep.-284.05; First National Bank, sup.-130.71; First National Bank, box rent-15.00; Galaxy Cablevision, fee-99.34; Great Plains One Call-fee-4.69; Home & Farm Insurance, ins.-270.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Library books-520.53; MCI, phones-12.57; Midwest Labs, fee-178.30; NPPD, ele.-2134.36; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Payroll-4369.36; Payroll taxes-928.51; Quill, sup.-54.51; State of NE, fee-128.00; Sterling Fire Department, coats, etc.-674.73; Sterling School, license monies-30.00; Vane Rengstorf, snow removal-250.00; Voice News, pub.-93.61; Waymire Well, well closure-324.85; Westside auto, sup.-10.12; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-25.60; Total: \$18137.08.

Todd Blome, Basso, McClure & Goeglein, presented the audit which was reviewed by the the Board of Trustees. Items discussed were: funds set aside for water main replacement in a savings account; KENO funds for any upcoming major improvement project.

Delinquent utility customers will be notified by Utility Superintendent, LeRoy Riensche. Roger Huls was present to ask the board's approval for moving dirt on the street near his property to permit a building to be constructed. This will be on the agenda for the regular March 2007 meeting.

Riensche reported on the following: snow removal for the Village of Sterling by John Moss; water main repair; sewer problem on Washington Street; replacement parts and blades for mower.

Dwight Weiss reported for the Sterling Fire Department: pagers not working and four additional pagers need to be ordered as replacements with cost shared with the Sterling Rural Fire Department. Wingert made a motion to purchase two pagers for the Sterling Fire Department and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. A special meeting will be held in March to consider the merging for the Sterling Fire Department and the Sterling Rural Fire Department.

Heusman appointed Tonia Wingert as a member of the Sterling Tree Board.

Karr made a motion to vacate Willow Avenue at the Sterling Cemetery and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Wingert introduced Ordinance 2007-1 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE AND AMENDING, RESTATING, REVISING, UPDATING, CODIFYING AND COMPILING CERTAIN ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE DEALING WITH THE SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES" which was read by title. Wingert moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and Trustee Karr seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Upon roll call vote the following vote yea: Karr, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert, Heusman. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Board and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance. Said ordinance was then read by title only and Trustee Rengstorf moved for final passage of the ordinance and Heusman seconded the motion. "Shall Ordinance 2007-1 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote the following voted yea: Karr, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert, Heusman. The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Board of Trustees, the chairperson declared the ordinance adopted and the clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto and ordered the ordinance to be published as provided therein and to be posted in three public places in the Village of Sterling. A true, correct and complete copy of said ordinance was made a part of the minutes for reference.

There was discussion of hiring Stan Borchert to do year round maintenance at the cemetery to include tree trimming and snow removal along with mowing. Further discussion will be held at the regular March meeting.

Discussion was held concerning a newsletter to provide information to the village residents.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk