

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 14, 2006 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: Stan Karr, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Others present: Audrey Keebler, LeRoy Riensche, Roland Philippi, Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure, Todd Blome. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, January 10, 2006 and Karr seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. Rengstorf made a motion to allow the bills and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Altell, phones-266.59; Aquila, Heating fuel-1829.27; Baburek Metal Preserving, water tower cleaning-1692.00; Basso, McClure & Goeglein, fee-70.00; Bio-key Int.-su.-73.50; Carp's, fuel-286.00; First National Bank, box rent-15.00; First National Bank, loan payment-5000.00; First National Bankcard, sup.14.31; Great Plains One Call, fee-7.90; Keeler Grocery, su.-1.59; Kuhl Trenching, water line repair-287.25; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Husker Fire Equipment, su.-16.50; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Library books-1066.95; MCI, phones-30.67; NPPD, ele.-1893.61; Nestor & Mercure, fee-907.48; Payroll-3611.72; Payroll taxes-718.59; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-cem.-350.00; Royal Chemical, su.-329.72; State of NE, fee 77.00; Voice News, pub.-64.66; Waymire Well, rep.-100.00; Westside Auto Parts, rep.-29.81; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-7.00. Total expenditures: \$21,249.74. Delinquent utility bills were discussed and every effort will be made to keep all bills current.

Todd Blome, Basso, McClure & Goeglein, reviewed the audit. A copy of bills needs to be attached to the regular board minutes and any invoices exceeding \$1000.00 needs a signature of a board member.

The board needs to keep in close check with water sales to make sure income is keeping up with the rate of inflation. It would be most helpful to survey local towns for a comparison study.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these items: surplus items for consignment sale; concrete slabs on village lots has been moved out of town; park equipment needing repair; crumb rubber costs vs. sand or wood chips for playground area. Also discussed by Riensche: water training in Beatrice, May 9; valve plugs; security grant of \$900.00 to replace well house door and lock at the park is available; lab price increase; purchasing plastic barrels for trash. Weiss made a motion to consign for the legion sale designated items: chairs, trailer, doors, electric heaters, logs and contact board members. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Wingert made a motion to replace swing seats at the park of a cost of \$30.00 each and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Steve Weiss, Fire Chief, reported on these subjects: Chris Nielsen, a new member and pagers. Weiss made a motion to approve Chris Nielsen as a member of the Sterling Fire Department and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

A building permit was discussed. Rengstorf made a recommendation that the zoning board review permits before being brought to the Sterling Board of Trustees.

Tree Board member, Audrey Keebler, reported a tree manual has been received and no work has been done for removal of designated street trees.

Weiss made a motion to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan as presented and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

The Sterling Legion Consignment Sale will be held March 25 and LeRoy Reinsche will be assisting with preparation.

Mercure reported on the Flood Plain regulations need to adopted and will be on the March agenda.

The code books sent by the League of Nebraska Municipalities need to be reviewed by the board members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk