

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STERLING, NEBRASKA

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Barn in a publicly convened meeting 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: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Scott Buss. Others present: Steve Weiss, Steve Eickhoff, Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche, Eldon Wilken, Todd Blome. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Rengstorf made a motion to allow the bills as presented Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Heusman, Wingert. Weiss abstained. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Arbor Day Foundation, renewal-15.00; BMG, KENO and financial audits-8201.70; Black Hills Energy, fuel-561.75; Constellation Energy, fuel-558.10; Danko Emergency Equipment, sup.-2135.42; Dept. of Correctional SVSC, 1991 Chevrolet utility truck-2750.00; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-337.54; Great Plains One Call, fee-3.12; Hawkins, Inc. sup.-37.56; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-786.77; Library books-610.63; MCI, phones-27.46; NPHEL test fee water -10.00; NPPD, electricity, 2377.19; Olsson Associates, fee-181.49; Payroll-5871.79; Payroll Taxes-1089.94; Quill, sup.-297.48; SE Mutual Association, dues-25.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-1111.47; Sterling Rural Fire Dept., ins.-2907.50; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Voice News, pub.-101.84; Weiss Construction, library rep.-2140.00; Windstream, phones-497.60; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-136.08. Total: \$33,345.03.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following: computer is needed for water reports; submitted his resignation as utility superintendent effective June 30, 2012 due to retirement; water leak on Atchison Street February 11 and necessary repairs have been completed; another sampling station is needed for the five water samplings needed for the state with location and costs involved will be researched; Chris Nieveen will be going back to school and was approved for part-time work as was done previously; Ford pickup has catalytic converter problems and water leaks; the recently purchased Chevrolet utility truck was inspected by Wusk Power Equipment and two tires need to be replaced immediately; tire chains for the tractor are worn and need replacing and costs will be researched.

Resolution 2012-1 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA, DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCTING OF AN ELECTION TO DETERMINE IF THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE VILLAGE OF STERLING, NEBRASKA" was discussed by the Board of Trustees and Todd Blome, BMG, auditor for the village. Purpose of the sales tax was addressed and questions answered in its regard. Rengstorf made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1 concerning a sales tax for the Village of Sterling and Weiss seconded the motion to have the proposal placed on the May 8, 2012 election ballot. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. In the future, a meeting will be held for public awareness for use of the funds.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported on the topics: Operations Plan for Disaster Response & Recovery was presented to the board of trustees for review; a roster of the present firemen was presented for the board to review; a storm spotter training meeting will be held in Sterling, April 10, 2012 at 7 p.m.

A building permit for Jeff Bessey for an addition to his shop was approved.

The position of utility superintendent with regard to salary and benefits will be advertised March, 2012.

Wind turbines located southwest of Sterling by InvEnergy were discussed.

Letters for property cleanup will be sent in March in order that plans can be made for cleanup.



The Dolbow dog problem has been resolved and is not in the Village of Sterling. Sheriff Scott Walton verified that the dog is not at the Dolbow residence.

Weiss made a motion to close the One and Six Year Street Improvement hearing at 8:45 p.m. and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Wingert made a motion to adopt the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2012 as discussed and presented by Olsson Associates. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Heusman made a motion to purchase a security camera and DVR from Midwest Integrated Technologies with funds from the KENO account in the amount of \$1819.86. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk