

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, March 10, 2009 at 7:05 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 and 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, Todd Blome. Wingert made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held February 10, 2009 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Rengstorf made a motion to allow the bills as presented and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Heusman, Rengstorf, Wingert. Abstaining: Buss and Weiss. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-775.60; BMG, audit-2250.00; Brinkman Bros., repairs-661.10; Constellation Energy, fuel-1032.70; D & D Communications, rep.-116.00; District #33, lic. monies-30.00; Dwight Weiss, sup.-472.53; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Bankcard, sup.-180.87; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; J.B. Masonry, rep.-392.00; Jet Stop, Inc.-fuel-231.10; Johnson County Clerk, election exp.-50.00; Library books-99.57; MCI, phones-13.70; Midwest Labs, fee-24.85; NPPD, ele.-2189.69; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; NPHEL, fee-10.00; Payroll-5046.53; Payroll taxes-997.02; Presto-X, fee-73.85; Quill, sup.-359.30; Steve Weiss, fee-117.75; Voice News, pub.-55.97; Water Works, sup.-75.40; Windstream, phones-353.55; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-144.85. Total: \$16,371.09. Todd Blome, BMG, reviewed the report with the Village Board of Trustees. There was discussion on utility billings. Budget items can be entered into Quick Books actual vs. budget accounts. KENO audit will be soon be completed and filed.

Delinquent utility accounts were discussed and will be sent shut-off notices. The regular meeting in April will begin at 7:30 p.m.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following: weeds cleaned up and fences removed at the park; park gates will be unlocked as of March 12, 2009; price checked weed shredder and volt amp meters at a cost of \$50.00 each from Nebraska Surplus. Weiss made a motion to purchase two volt amp meters at a cost of \$50.00 each from Nebraska Surplus and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Heusman made a motion to purchase a shredder/mower if it deems suitable from Nebraska Surplus in the amount of \$1000.00 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Steve Weiss, reported on these topics: hose drying system for the fire department and showed a new fire helmet. The cost of each helmet is \$150.00 and twenty-five are needed for the fire department. Heusman made a motion to purchase twenty-five helmets for the fire department and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Yeas: all. Motion carried. The cost will be shared equally with the rural fire department and the Village of Sterling. The department is checking into a telephone system for awareness in the event of a fire, tornado, etc.

A demolition permit was issued for a garage on Steve Eickhoff's property.

Wingert made a motion to approve a Liquor License from 1:00 p.m. July 11, 2009 to 1:00 a.m. July 12, 2009, for the Sterling Community Association. Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk