

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, March 12, 2013, at 7:34 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: Scott Buss, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Others present: Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure, Eldon Wilken, Kevin McAuliffe, Ann Wickett., Stan Borchert, Audrey Keebler, Don Osborne, LeRoy Riensche, and Roger Hunt. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills as presented with the addition of Midwest Labs, test fees for 29.64 and Roger Huls, truck repairs for 385.75. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment:

Black Hills Energy, fuel-606.87; BMG, fees-139.50; Constellation Energy, fuel-584.03; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-1098.20; Ivan Heusman, mileage-224.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-858.74; Kerner True Value, sup.-44.93; Kevin McAuliffe, ins. allowance & cell phone-330.00; Library books-87.48; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; MCI, phones-26.68; NPHEL test fees, water & ww-200.00; Midwest Labs, fee-29.64; Municipal Supply, sup.-134.87; NPPD, electricity, 2880.25; One Call Concepts, fee-12.20; Payroll-6018.50; Payroll Taxes-1166.79; Presto-X, fee-79.63; Quill, sup.-567.96; Sterling Lumber, depot roof & sup.-7303.86; Sterling Public School, lic. fees-30.00; Steve Mercure, retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Voice News, pub. ~~838.29~~ 83.29; Sid's Auto Supply, sup.-148.15; Waymire Well, sup.-46.81; Waterworks, sup.-815.92; Windstream, phones-134.11; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-459.19. Total: \$24,563.80.

Utility superintendent, Kevin McAuliffe, reported on the following: barricades building project complete; water shut-off locate; continuance of tree trimming and removal; project at the park; water meter replacement; possibility of a refuse contractor providing service to pick-up recycling materials for residents; discharging of sewer lagoons.

A building permit for Jeff McCartney for an addition to his garage was given to the board by Steve Weiss, Zoning Administrator.

An ordinance pertaining to the annexation of Steve Dean's property was tabled.

Bids were received for replacing of lights in the Sterling Library from the following: Shulte Electric - \$1858/Peters Electric-\$1490/Al Wusk Electric-1490. Rengstorf made a motion to accept the bid from Peters Electric for \$1490 and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Roger Hunt, NPPD representative, gave the board an application for an incentive payment after work is complete. The board discussed improvements needed for the depot building on Washington Street. Items to be replaced: bathrooms/carpet/floor/ceiling/insulation/crawl space. Bids will be taken for the project and need to be brought to the board by March 26, 2013.

Weiss reported that the old fire barn has problems with the roof and bids will need for repairs. Also discussed were houses in need of repair; street signs; park shelter.

During the snow storm last month, the village snow plow truck was not working. Chris Beaver brought in his tractor for snow removal. Weiss made a motion to pay Chris Beaver \$250 for snow removal with his equipment and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Notice for bids of mowing the Sterling Cemetery will be advertised and need to be by April 9, 2013.

Discussed were selling of the Super A and water line repair for the Sterling Fire Hall.

Heusman made a motion to give village employees a 3% raise and two year freeze on wage increases and to give Chris Nieveen a raise of fifty cents per hour increasing his wage to \$10 per hour. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Heusman, Rengstorf, Weiss. Nays: Buss, Wingert. Motion carried. Wage increase is retroactive from January 1, 2013.



Topkote, Inc. , representative, Dan Osborne, expressed an interest in doing street work for the Village of Sterling. The company is located in Yankton, SD.

LeRoy Riensche addressed the Board of Trustees in regard to Nebraska WARN membership. Wingert will be check into the matter as the Village of Sterling agreed to join a few years ago.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk