

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 13, 2007 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 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, Viola and Michael Lucas, Lisa Bloss, Robert and Karen Nielsen, Jack Weyers, Doug and Austin Magill.

Karr made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting February 13, 2007 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. The bills were approved for payment in a motion by Weiss and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Karr, Weiss, Wingert, Heusman. Abstaining: Rengstorf. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Aquila, heating fuel-2002.61; Barco, sup.-228.00; Basso, McClure & Goeglein, audit-280.00; Blessing Plumbing & Heating, rep.-137.50; Carp's, fuel-810.20; City of Tecumseh, sewer jetting-200.00; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First National Bank, sup.-324.71; Galaxy Cablevision, fee-120.46; Great Plains One Call-fee-6.53; Hawkins Water Treatment, sup.-149.27; Hill's Pest Control, fee-300.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-224.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Kuhl Trenching, rep.-1287.00; Library books-210.72; MCI, phones-12.50; Midwest Labs, fee-123.30; NPPD, ele.-2788.99; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Olsson Associates, fee-84.63; Payroll-4369.36; Payroll taxes-928.51; Royal Chemical, sup.-169.32; State of NE, fee-114.00; Vane Rengstorf, snow removal-440.00; Voice News, pub.-59.89; Waymire Well, sup.6.90; Westside auto, sup.-54.57; Windstream, phones-221.43; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-79.86; Total: \$16015.32.

Michael Lucas was present at the meeting to earn merits for Troop #334, Boy Scouts. Lisa Bloss, SENE Health Department, presented information on pandemic flu. The government needs a continuity plan in place for operation in the event of a flu epidemic. Bloss is visiting nearby communities to promote awareness.

Bob Nielsen on behalf on the Sterling community, reported that the Diode Cable internet is working. Customers are pleased with service.

Collection of utility bills was discussed.

Utility superintendent, LeRoy Reinsche, reported on the following: state removed engine braking sign which needs to be on a separate post; sewer lines were jetted as preventative maintenance; sand and salt hauled from Palmyra; Conradi property; dumpster sign needed to prohibit abusers; grass seeding; leveling baseball diamond; skidster needs service.

Doug Magill, First National Bank, discussed handling of utility monies as a collection agency for the Village of Sterling. No fee has been determined.

A building permit for new construction for Roger Huls was approved in a motion by Karr pending approval of elevation due to location being in the flood plain and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Information from Keep Nebraska Beautiful was received in regard to awareness of meth labs dangers and to avoid contact with those materials.

Chairman Heusman reported on these items: the village box scraper is not for sale; camper pedestal for electrical hookups at the park; Stan Borchert bid for mowing, interseeding and snow removal at the cemetery will be on the April agenda; appointment of coaches and a director will be advertised prior to the April meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk