

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 13, 2012 at 7:05 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 Eickhoff, Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche, Eldon Wilken, LeRoy Schmidt. 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 February 14, 2012 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Rengstorf made a motion to allow the bills as presented with the exception of Speidell Monuments upon completion of work. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment:

American Legion, flags-140.00; Black Hills Energy, fuel-604.01; BMG, fee-324.70; Constellation Energy, fuel-578.21; Doug Heusman, rock-340.00; Field Ford, pickup rep.-765.03; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-25.03; Gage County Equipment, sup.-34.42; Great Plains One Call, fee-1.87; Home & Farm Ins.,-utility truck ins.-138.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-232.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-702.17; Kuhl Trenching, water line rep.-560.00; LeRoy Riensche, title reimb.-10.00; Library books-204.80; MCI, phones-27.53; Midwest Labs, Inc. fee-29.27; NPPD, electricity, 2378.60; Payroll-5530.74; Payroll Taxes-1107.51; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-cemetery-2150.00; Richardson Tree Removal, tree removal-bridges-900.00; Speidell Monuments, cem. Rep.-105.00; Sterling Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, transfer lot sales, donations, lease-3635.00; Sterling Public School, tob. lic. monies-30.00; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Voice News, pub.-63.55; Windstream, phones-191.14; Wusk Power Equipment, sup. & tires-894.16. Total: \$22,417.35

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following: slide replaced at park; advised board that he may take an earlier retirement due to medical reasons; operation of sewer plant motor; problems with street at the Jet Stop Inc.; draining of the sewer lagoon will begin within the next two weeks; received new tire chains for equipment; brush pile.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported on these topics: one member resigned from the fire department; four members will be attending Fire School this spring; assisted in putting out three local fires; truck problems; hand rail in fire truck parking is bent and will be replaced.

A permit from Wentz Construction for demolition of a garage was approved.

Chairman Heusman will contact individuals about property cleanup.

No action was taken in regard to paving of part of alley south of St. John Lutheran Church parsonage.

There was discussion on the filling the vacancy of the utility superintendent due to Riensche's resignation. Certification of waste water operator license, water operator license, spraying chemicals and other job duties. The position will be advertised in the Tecumseh, Voice News, the Beatrice Daily Sun, and League of Nebraska Municipalities publication. Interested applicants must have resumes and application to Lola Wentz, Village Clerk, by 5:00 p.m., April 10, 2012.

LeRoy Schmidt was present with questions on number of horses allowed on his acreage. Schmidt is in the process of selling his real estate and wanted information. Action will be taken at the next regular meeting on April 10, 2012.

The merger of the two fire departments, Sterling and Sterling Rural Fire Department, was discussed with two upcoming meetings, March 15th and March 22nd with just two members of each board. Costs will be shared equally for the two boards.

It was reported that a resident had a problem with his water but that has since been resolved.

The moving of a building at the cemetery will be addressed at the next regular meeting on April 10, 2012. Moving the building will allow room for a new cemetery directory to be built at that location. The next month's agenda will have these items: bid for stump grinding submitted by Trauernicht Brothers and possibly adding an addition to the track at the Sterling Park after the Board of Trustees has checked on the location. Commercial water rates will be discussed as well.
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk