

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 8, 2011 at 7:03 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. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Scott Buss. Others present: Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche, Steve Eickhoff, Carrie Wusk, Kaitlen Wusk, Genell Klein, Jessie Klein.

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 the February 8, 2011 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. The bills were approved in motion by Wingert and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment:

Black Hills Energy, fuel-819.30; BMG, audits-general fund & KENO-7832.70; Constellation Energy, fuel-856.17; D & D Communications, pager rep.-198.00; Danko Emergency Equipment Co., hose.-275.74; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-210.92; Great Plains One Call-fee-3.75; Ivan Heusman, mileage-224.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-738.45; Johnson County Clerk, election exp.-51.18; Library books-48.89; MCI, phones-20.31; Midwest Labs, fee-29.03; Nebraska Cemetery association, dues-20.00; NPHEL, fees-68.00; NPPD, ele.-2579.58; Olsson Associates, fees-327.75; Payroll - 5381.26; Payroll taxes - 908.65; Quill, sup.-176.46; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-975.00; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Steve Weiss, sup.-26.87; Voice News, pub.-48.89; Windstream, phones-187.15; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-25.00. Total: \$22,522.64

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following topics: village has to replace traffic signs, named street signs as well as posts; Sterling School needs crossing signs in fluorescent green. Cost and placement were discussed as well as when this project needs to be completed.

Carrie Wusk, Kaitlen Wusk, Genell Klein, Jessie Klein were present to have Chairman Heusman sign a proclamation for Girl Scout Week.

Riensche also reported that wastewater training will be held for one day only starting with April 1. Cost of books is \$150.00; Water operator course training will be held in Beatrice on May 24, 25, 26 at no cost.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported the department has received a 1989 Mack pumper truck; a 50/50 grant is available for rural fire equipment; Fire School will be held May 20, 21, 22; storm spotter training.

Wingert made a motion to approve an easement granting access to property for Coranco Great Plains, Inc. pending on performance bond in the amount of \$20,000. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Chairman Heusman reported that Jeff Bessey has purchased two lots of the Conradi property and sale is still pending on the signature of owner on one lot. Deadline for cleanup is June 1, 2011.

Wingert made a motion to approve Diggers Hotline Members Service Agreement and Weiss second the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the replacement of the current cemetery directory. It needs to be placed on a cement slab and possibly adding two cement benches. Cost estimates will be necessary before installation.

Heusman made a motion to renew membership to the Nebraska Cemetery Association and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Street Fund and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Delinquent utility customers will have their water shut off.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Went, Village Clerk