

**VILLAGE OF STERLING REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 – 7:30 P.M.**

The Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sterling met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2011 at 7:31 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: Scott Buss, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Vane Rengstorf. Others present: Eldon Wilken, Jill McAuliffe, Terry Thies, Steve Mercure, Steve Weiss, LeRoy Riensche, Frances VanGroningen. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and its location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn.

Wingert made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2011 and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Vane Rengstorf joined the meeting in progress at 7:34 p.m.

These bills were presented for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-582.03; Constellation Energy, fuel-559.41; Doug Heusman, rock-900.12; First National Bank-Omaha, supplies-207.07; Great Plains One Call, fee-4.16; Hach, supplies-98.23; Hawkins, supplies-185.25; Hamilton Equipment Co, supplies-529.26; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-316.67; Johnson Winemiller, snow removal-35.00; Library books-331.01; Low Budget Customes, supplies-fire truck-222.00; MCI, phones-20.56; Midwest Labs Inc., fee-7.80; Municipal Supply Inc., supplies-854.41; NPPD, electricity-2662.85; NE Dept. of Revenue, taxes-372.16; NE Rural Water Association, fee-125.00; NPHEL, fee-10.00; Payroll-6056.37; Payroll taxes-1144.48; Sterling Rural Fire Department, ins. Share-3361.00; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Voice News, pub.-51.28; Westside Auto Parts, supplies-32.01; Windstream, phones-52.23; Wusk Power Equipment, supplies-138.95. Total \$19,274.81.

Terry Thies, Sterling Community Association representative, was present to inquire of the Board of Trustees if they would be willing to assist with the mowing of their lot. Discussion followed.

Rengstorf made a motion to hire someone to get the mowing accomplished and pay one-half on the mowing cost. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. October 15, 2011 has been selected as the annual Sterling Community Association's Wine and Ale event to be held at the Sterling Fire Barn.

Frances VanGroningen addressed the board concerning property cleanup, mowing, unlicensed vehicles and cats in the neighborhoods.

LeRoy Rienschse, utility superintendent, reported on the following subjects: water survey approved/water on at the park/hydrant flushing will be done the week of April 25, 26, 27/urninal replacement at the park/street signs/mosquito spraying/tree removals/flag replacement/discharging at sewer plant.

Wingert made a motion to approve Jason Bartels as a member of the Sterling Fire Department and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. The merging of the rural and village fire departments will be on the May agenda.

A building permit for Stan Karr was presented and approved.

Jill McAuliffe was present to discuss plans and location of a new directory at the cemetery. Steve Weiss will draw up plans for the two proposed locations. More information will be presented at the May meeting.

Jeff Bessey has finalized the sale of the Conradi property and cleanup has begun.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk