

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, May 10, 2011 at 7:30 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, Chad Riensche, Audrey and Earl Keebler.

Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn.

Buss made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011, and Rengstorf seconded the motion.

Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion to allow the bills as presented and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment:

Black Hills Energy, fuel-304.64; BMG, fee-432.20; Clinton Clark, stump grinding-2896.00; Columbia House, lib. books-25.94; Constellation energy, fuel-338.57; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-3.05; Great Plains One Call, fee-30.99; Hawkins, sup.-220.60; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-467.11; MCI, phones-20.40; NPPD, electricity, 2161.47; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-1400.00; NPHEL, fee-10.00; Payroll-5916.23; Payroll Taxes-1101.87; Sterling Rural Fire Department, ins. & equip.-1113.00; Stan Borchert Mowing, cem. Mowing-865.00; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Unico Group Ins., treas. Bond-200.00; Voice News, pub.-35.35; Westside Auto, sup.-121.28; Windstream, phones-103.82; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-442.15;. Total: \$19,234.47.

Earl and Audrey Keebler had questions about whether a street adjacent to their property had been closed in years past. Steve Mercure, village attorney, will look into the matter at the courthouse to see if there had been any action on closing Spruce Street.

Conradi cleanup of the property is in progress with a June 1, 2011 deadline for completion.

There was discussion on the location of a new directory for the Sterling Cemetery.

Wingert made a motion to approve a liquor license for the Sterling Community Association Wine and Ale Event on October 15, 2011. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

No action was taken on a resolution vacating Illinois Street from Walnut Street west because it will be an ordinance and needs to be advertised prior to adoption.

Dwight Weiss has contacted Jim Egger, attorney, concerning the merger of the Sterling Fire Department and the Sterling Rural Fire Department.

Brush site hours were discussed.

Utility Superintendent, LeRoy Riensche, reported on these subjects: correspondence from Nebraska Rural Water Association asking for support; water tower cleaning approved by the Department of Health & Human Services and corrections have been done as for deficiencies; Wendie Keim needs a new tube located across from her driveway; stump grinding holes project is nearing completion; flushing fire hydrants has been completed on all hydrants; one water line needs to be checked out again as it is not working.

Angie Dolbow, owner of vicious dogs, will be contacted by the village attorney about the violation of the village's ordinance.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported that meetings are going well with the department and there are presently twenty-four firemen on the roster. Pumper progress is proceeding satisfactorily.

No date has been set for the tire and white goods cleanup.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk