

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, May 11, 2010 at 7:30 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 and location were acknowledged. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss. Absent: Scott Buss, Chuck Wingert. Visitors: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure, Doyle Karst.

Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Weiss, Heusman, Rengstorf. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-132.24; BMG, fee-171.48; Constellation Energy, fuel-47.33; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Bankcard, sup.-132.89; Hawkins, Inc., sup.-33.46; Ivan Heusman, mileage-240.00; Jet Stop, Inc. fuel-445.34; Jorgensen Surveying, survey park-700.00; Klein Hardware, library furnace & AC-3291.22; Kuhl Trenching, rep.-1037.50; Library books-277.51; MCI, phones-30.26; NPHEL, fee-262.00; NPPD, ele.-2099.09; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Payroll-5356.66; Payroll taxes-1060.56; Roger Huls, rep.-142.36; Stan Borchert, mowing cemetery-1460.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-144.82; Sterling School Skills Group, labor-30.00; Steve Weiss, fee-111.25; Steve Weiss, sup.-157.24; Sunrise Publications, pub.-11.05; Voice News, pub.-172.11; Waymire Well, sup.-45.00; Windstream, phones-100.89; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-52.60. Total: \$18393.46. Utility Superintendent, LeRoy Riensche, reported on the following: current projects; vandalism; village equipment repairs; report on water samples.

Steve Eickhoff, Fire Chief, reported on the fire department.

Steve Weiss advised there was no building permit applications. Stan Karr is purchasing the south 12 feet of Shalen Wusk's property of Lot C. The board reviewed and discussed the possible building. No action taken until an application has been submitted by Shalen Wusk for review by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Chuck Wingert arrived at 7:45 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the adoption of a building code with Steve Weiss. He recommended that the village consider the adoption of the building code for 2009 with the city of Lincoln as an example. The board will review this code before taking further action.

Doyle Karst was present to review and address the pending building permit application that had been denied for the Habitat House due to the set back requirements. The set back variance of the front yard setback requirements taken by the Planning and Zoning Committee. He advised the Planning and Zoning Committee had approved the reduced set back from 25 feet for the front yard to 21 feet set back for the front yard on Greenwood Avenue. A special meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. to review the application for the variance.

The Chairman read a letter from Deer Creek Sodbusters requesting to use bleachers owned by the Village of Sterling for the Deer Creek Sodbusters Show. Weiss made a

motion to give them approval to use the bleachers and Wingert seconded the motion.

Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Chairman Heusman advised that Doug Heusman had a complaint about a fence owned by William Ehmen on Heusman's property line. The board will refrain from taking any action since this is private property that can be resolved themselves.

Crack sealing of the streets was discussed after receiving a bid from Hein Construction.

Weiss made a motion to accept the bid from Hein Construction for crack sealing at 40 cents per foot and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. The chairman will meet with the contractor to specify the streets to be repaired.

Tim Norris, Home and Farm Insurance, discussed two plans available for the fire department through Provident. These are in addition to workers compensation coverage.

He advised the rural board is considering adopting plan Two with three equal installments at \$3,312.70. The board will include this item on the special meeting agenda May 18, 2010.

One application for zoning administrator was received and that was from Steve Weiss.

His application was read to the Board of Trustees. Rengstorf made a motion to accept Steve Weiss as zoning administrator and Heusman seconded the motion. Yea:

Rengstorf, Heusman. Nay: Wingert. Abstaining: Weiss. The village attorney will review vote requirements and advise the chairman of the vote requirements.

Delinquent utility bills will be addressed at the special May 18, 2010 meeting.

Bob Hester has a dying tree adjacent to his premises and will pay half of cost for removal.

Rengstorf would like to see water hydrants flushed more than twice a year. Street signs also need to be brought up to date.

Wingert reported that DEQ denied scrap tire grant due to reduced funding. The Village will work with Johnson County scrap tire collection date. Wingert also reported that a street light was out near his property at Division and Ohio Streets. Poor drainage in that area also needs to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned 9:17 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk