

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 8, 2007 at 7:32 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 was read. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Stan Karr, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Others present: Steve Mercure, LeRoy Riensche, Audrey Keebler, Roland Philippi, Sheila Pella, Jack Weyers, Steve Weiss. Karr made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held April 10, 2007 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. These bills were approved for payment in a motion by Weiss and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Aquila, heating fuel-425.45; American Legal Publishing, sup.-143.00; BMG, fee-70.00; Carp's, fuel-400.31; D & D Communications, pagers-860.00; Dallas Christline, rep.-43.22; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First National Bank of Omaha, sup.-82.61; Galaxy Cable, fee-15.84; Great Plains One Call-fee-13.13; Hawkins Water Treatment, sup.-126.47; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Library books-1349.51; May Welding, rep.-121.00; MCI, phones-12.59; Muncipal Supply, sup.-126.47; NPPD, ele.-1654.78; NE Rural Water Asso. – fee-100.00; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Olsson Associates, fee-80.32; Payroll-4536.09; Payroll taxes-954.02; Quill, sup.-65.47; Stan Borchert, cemetery mowing-1298.00; State of NE, fee-16.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-75.04; SENE Coop, sup.-20.00; Voice News, pub.-42.66; Waymire Well, sup.-18.76; Westside Auto, sup.-19.56; Windstream, phones-122.30; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-51.20; Total: \$13,742.38.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following: log jam on Pratt's Branch; vacation time – Darwin Buss will assist w/duties if necessary; cleanup from prior weekends' stormy weather; removal of dead trees.

Steve Weiss, Sterling Fire Chief, reported that the pagers have been received.

Bud Schiebur's zoning permit was approved. Weiss made a motion to allow the zoning request variance from John Shrader and Sheila Pella and Karr seconded the motion.

Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Audrey Keebler, Tree Board member, reported that three trees were planted on Arbor Day and that Sterling has been named as Tree City USA for 2007.

Brent Heusman was approved as Summer Recreation Director for \$1000.00 and will be paid \$25.00 per game for umpiring home ball games in a motion by Karr and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Karr, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert. Abstaining: Heusman. Motion carried. Brent Heusman will be responsible for getting the ball field chalked and leveled for all home ball games.

Mower purchase was discussed and was tabled until the next regular board meeting.

White goods pickup will be Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Weiss made a motion to close Broadway to Main to Washington on July 15, 2007 for a water barrel race by local fire departments and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Wingert made a motion to have Pavers do crack sealing on the village streets at a cost of fifty cents per foot with work to begin May 9, 2007. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Karr, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert. Abstaining: Heusman. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion for Al Wusk to install rv pedestals in the park for \$1900.00 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Chairman Heusman advised the Board of Trustees to enter executive session. Rengstorf made the motion for the purpose of discussing personnel at 9:40 p.m. and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Wingert made a motion to close executive session at 9:55 p.m. and Karr seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk