

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 9, 2006 at 7:35 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: Stan Karr, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Others present: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure, Sue Wilken, Stan Borchert, Teresa Haynes, Audrey Keebler, Roland Philippi. Wingert made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, April 11, 2006 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Aquila, heating fuel-413.04; Barco, signs-416.66; Carp's, fuel-461.00; First National Bank, loan payment-5000.00; First National Bankcard, sup-179.02; Great Plains One Call, fee-5.70; Hawkins Water Treatment, su.-100.64; Ivan Heusman, mileage-240.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Keeler Grocery, su.-7.53; Kuhl Trenching, rep.-987.50; Library books-40.00; MCI, phones-14.66; NPPD, ele-1720.43; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Olsson Associates, fee-68.75; Payroll-3724.11; Payroll taxes-735.78; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-975.00; Sargent Drilling, well tests-179.35; SENE Coop, su.-36.97; Stan Borchert Mowing, cem. Mowing-1352.00; State of NE, fee 8.00; Sterling Rural Fire Dept., su.-111.83; Unico Group Ins.-treas. Bond-200.00; Voice News, pub.-51.71; Waymire Well, su.-37.84; Westside Auto Parts, rep.-16.26; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-33.20. Total expenditures: \$17,967.18. Delinquent utility bills were discussed and a continued effort will be made to keep all bills current.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these items: Frances VanGroningen interested in doing parttime work for the Village of Sterling with wages being \$8.50 per hour; some park lights need to be replaced and price comparisons will be made; poles at the park may need to be replaced. NPPD will be contacted to replace lights and poles if necessary.

Steve Weiss, Fire Chief, reported that fifteen firemen attended a recent training meeting; ISO information to include map of all fire hydrants and water pressure of each.

The building permit for Hilltop Greenhouse was approved and Jay Carpenter's permit was denied by the Planning Commission.

Audrey Keebler, Tree Board member, reported on Tree City USA and Arbor Day ceremony that was held April 28 but no trees were planted because of inclement weather.

Weiss made a motion to allow the Sterling Community Association to reopen Illinois Street if drainage can be fixed and make it a one way street from Lincoln Street to the ball park. Cable and posts will be placed on both sides of the street. Karr seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Karr made a motion to approve a liquor license for the Sterling Community Association for the Sterling Picnic from 1:00 p.m. July 7, 2006 until 1:00 a.m. July 9, 2006. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Karr, Heusman, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Street closing for the Sterling Picnic on July 8, 2006, from Broadway Street from Division to Lincoln and Main Street from Broadway to Locust beginning at noon for the parade route were approve in a motion by Wingert. Karr seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

White goods pick up and tire cleanup will be June 3, 2006 – one day only.

Wingert will check into prices before approving the bid request for crumb rubber for the playground. Weiss made a motion to approve the bid from Enron Tire for a 40 x 25 playground area with a pour and place pad at the present time. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

No action was taken concerning the roundabout.

Building code for the Village of Sterling will be tabled until more research is completed.

Adoption of ordinances was discussed.

Weiss reported that the battery backup for the siren needs to be in working condition and had been omitted when the new siren was installed. The siren will be tested on the fourth Monday of each month by the Sterling Fire Department.

Keith Weber, Johnson County Road Superintendent, has been contacted about the East Broadway Street bridge.

Roland Philippi personally thanked the Sterling fire Department for hooking up a portable generator when the Village of Sterling was without electrical power on April 15, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk