

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, June 11, 2013 at 7:35 p.m. at the Sterling Fire Barn in a publicly convened meeting the have 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, and Chuck Wingert. Others present: Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure, Kevin McAuliffe, Audrey Keebler, Omer Kuhlmann, Merlyn Saathoff, LeRoy Riensche, Jim Wenzl, Ted Scarpino, and Becky McAuliffe. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to allow the bills to include payment to Chris Nieveen for use of his mower while the village mower was being repaired. and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-180.34; BMG CPAS, 47.50; BSN, supplies-86.74; Chris Saathoff, rep.-mower-300.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-104.26; First National Bank-Omaha, sup.-546.13; Gage County Equipment, Inc.,sup.-188.93; Hawkins Water Treatment, sup.-181.00; Huls, rep. street and cemetery-129.41; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop. Inc., fuel-812.04; Jorgensen Surveying, survey Dean property-700.00; Kerner True Value, suyp-44.13; Kevin McAuliffe, insurance allowance and cell phone-330.00; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-45.00; MCI,phones,27.21; One Call Concepts, fee-8.50; NPHEL, fees, water tests-251.00; NPPD, electricity-2707.51; Payroll-6487.61; Payroll taxes-1357.41; Play It Again Sports, sup.-192.85; Quill, sup.-192.85; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-700.00; SENDD, housing fees-143.80; SENDD, membership dues-405.00; SENE Coop, sup,-226.80; Sid's Auto Parts, sup.-194.97; Stan Borchert Mowing, cemetery mowing-1518.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-314.49; Steve Mercure, retainer-100.00; Sunrise Publication, ad-41.86; Voice News, pub.-94.70; Windstream, phones-56.09; World Wide Steel Building, down payment on picnic shelter-1775.00; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-860.34. Total: \$21,473.96.

Tree planting at the Sterling Cemetery in regard to location. Trees were not to be planted near the cemetery gates which occurred last month. Trees that were planted near the entrance will be moved to the west side so it would not interfere with the avenue of flags. Representatives for the Sterling Legion Post #140 were Omer Kuhlmann, Merlyn Saathoff, Jim Wenzl and Ted Scarpino. A plan will be developed with the Sterling Board of Trustees and Sterling Legion Post #140 for location of flags to eliminate questions on tree placement in the future. Rengstorf made a motion to wait one year before moving the seven trees planted at the cemetery. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Buss made a motion to move the trees to the east side of the Sterling Cemetery by the roadway on or before Memorial Day of 2014 and to work with the legion to develop a plan for the avenue of flags and proposed tree planting. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Utility Superintendent, Kevin McAuliffe, reported on the following: mowing and maintenance work continues/Larry Giesmann's tree needs to be removed – south tree – and branches on the

one to the north need to be trimmed/three trees at the park need to be removed/Chris Salberg's Skills USA class will be painting sign posts in the future/an incident occurred at the Sterling Park involving a joy rider on the village mower.

A building permit was issued to Larry Rathe for an addition to his residence.

Sterling Community Association was granted permission for a temporary liquor license on October 12, 2013 at the Sterling Fire Hall for their annual Wine and Ale event. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Omer Kuhlmann had questions regarding Pine Street's status. Mercure will do research in this regard.

Bids were opened on the Super A Farmall tractor that was offered for sale. Bidders were: Steve Weiss-\$750.00/Michael Bebout-\$400.00/LeRoy Riensche-\$255.55/Terry McAuliffe-\$651.00/David Heusman-\$1101.00/Bill Moss-200.00. David Heusman's bid of \$1101.00 was accepted in a motion by Wingert and seconded by Weiss. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

In preparation for the Sterling Picnic on July 13, 2013 a dumpster will be available.

A picnic shelter at the park was discussed. A steel shelter with dimensions of 30 x 40 at \$7100.00 and concrete for \$5380.00 for a 32 x 42 base and 4 inches deep was presented to the board by Weiss. Wingert made a motion to purchase the steel picnic shelter 30 x 40 from World Wide Steel Buildings in burgundy with a white roof and seconded by Heusman. Vote: yeas: Buss, Heusman, Rengstorf, Wingert. Not voting: Weiss. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to do concrete 12" grade beam for \$5380.00 plus a 4" depth with rebar. Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Delinquent sewer/water/garbage bills need to be paid by June 20 or water will be turned off.

Wingert reported that a \$100,000 grant may be available to purchase water meters. Wingert will complete the application.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk