

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 12, 2012 at 7:35 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, LeRoy Riensche, Earl Keebler, Kevin McAuliffe, Roger Huls, Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2012 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Buss made a motion to allow the bills and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fue-91.06; BMG, fees-358.50; Chris Salberg, remove posts-100.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-30.67; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-192.00; Great Plains One Call, fee-21.63; Harm Sangen Legion Post #140, flags-250.00; Hawkins, Inc., sup.-228.50; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-649.76; Johnson County Clerk, election exp.-50.00; Library books-266.66; Maguire Iron, Inc., clean water tower-1390.50; MCI, phones-27.23; NDEQ, sewer payment-4744.73; NPPD, electricity, 2226.23; Payroll-7683.79; Payroll Taxes-1448.95; Presto-X, fee-79.00; Richardson Tree Service-tree removal-1800.00; Sid's Auto Parts, su.-553.14; Stan's Mowing, cemetery mowing-1505.00; Sterling Fire Department, fire school and code red-625.12; Sterling Lumber, sup.-2890.39; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Unico Group Ins., treas. Bond-200.00; Voice News, pub.-51.34; Wentz Construction, final on Housing Rehab. Reuse Project #1-500.00; Windstream, phones-318.15; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-293.80. Total: \$30,358.75..

Utility superintendent, Kevin McAuliffe, reported on these subjects: water consumption; repair pump at sewer plant; burning of brush pile; streets repaired in the near future; scrap iron; places to put millings after street repairs completed.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported on the following: no changes in the Safety Plan in the event of a disaster at Sterling; filling water tanker to fight fires; lights on tanker need repairing.

A building permit for Barb Heusman was approved.

Cleanup of the Shea property on Washington Street has been done. Very little if any progress on the Wenzl property on Washington Street. Mercure will contact the company taking care of the vacated property on East Locust Street. Weiss made a motion to take down the garage on the vacated East Locust property and have it completed by the end of the month and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Other owners located in the business district will be contacted to clean up for safety reasons. Rengstorf made a motion to declare Luella Philippi's, Mike Shea's, and Daniel Behrens's properties public nuisances and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

No action taken on the vacating of Spruce Street.

No action taken on annexation of property.

There was no report on the progress of the Sterling Fire Department and Rural Fire Department's merger proceedings.

Wingert made a motion to approve Deer Creek Sodbusters use of the Sterling bleachers for their annual show in August. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Action was tabled until July pending contact of internet providers of Wi-Fi at Scott's Legacy.

Buss made a motion to accept Paver's two bids to do street repairs on Broadway Street between Main Street and Division Street for approximately \$46,000 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Buss, Rengstorf, Weiss, Wingert. Abstaining: Heusman. Motion carried.

Weiss made a motion to allow Kevin McAuliffe an allowance of \$300.00 for insurance and \$30.00 towards his cell phone bill. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Brush site hours were discussed.

Weiss made a motion to approve an irrigation well for John Bartels to be located south of Sterling in the old Mill Pond area. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk