

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, June 13, 2006 at 7:36 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. Acting Chairman Stan Karr called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Dennis Heusman. Others present: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Mercure, Roland Philippi, David Keim, Kevin Daehling, Bob Wolff, Luke Boldt, Jack Daniel, Randy Fischer, Alan Slayter. Wingert made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, May 9, 2006 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment. Rengstorf made a motion to allow the bills and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Alltel, phones-257.32; Aquila, heating fuel-147.83; Carp's, fuel-624.65; Chad Riensche, labor-68.00; Econo Sign, signs-37.36; EnTire Recycling, crumb rubber-2529.80; First National Bank, loan payment-5000.00; First National Bankcard, sup-179.36; Galaxy Cablevision, fee-29.98; Great Plains One Call, fee-11.94; Hawkins Water Treatment, su.-253.02; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Keeler Grocery, su.-1.16; Kuhl Trenching, rep.-528.75; Library books-114.89; MCI, phones-24.16; Midwest Labs, fee-122.70; NDEQ, sewer payment-6381.14; NPPD, ele-1083.23; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Payroll-4002.42; Payroll taxes-776.60; Postmaster, post.-39.00; Royal Chemical-su.-329.42; SENE Coop, su.-10.36; Stan Borchert Mowing, cem. Mowing-2028.00; Stan Karr, mileage-78.76; State of NE, fee 30.00; Sterling Lumber, su.-232.05 Sterling Rural Fire Dept. ins.-1545.50; Voice News, pub.-46.47; Waymire Well, su.-32.20; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-103.51. Total expenditures: \$27,669.02

Delinquent utility bills were discussed. Delinquent customers will receive shut-off notices this month.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following: cleanup of south park fence; crumb rubber and mats are in place at park playground; complaint on lack of mosquito spraying and weeds on a residential property. Weiss made a motion for Riensche to spray for mosquitoes throughout town and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. For public awareness notices will be posted. Electrical box at park has been shut off and a separate switchbox is needed for the scoreboard. Rengstorf made a motion to approve the installation of a switchbox for the scoreboard and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Approval of the looping of water lines near Highway 41 and Kuhl Trenching will be notified. The water line on Ohio Street from the Lutheran Church to Atchison Street needs to be replaced. Luke Helmick will be contacted in regard to his failure to move trees on village right of way and has ten days to comply.

Jack Daniel, Health and Human Services representative, presented the Village of Sterling on award in appreciation of outstanding leadership on April 15, 2006 in response to a tornado in the area. All customers were personally notified in a measure to conserve the water supply. LeRoy Riensche also received an award for his response in an emergency



situation with the when the village was without power due to the tornado, April, 15, 2006. Randy Fischer and Alan Slayter were also present for these awards.

Weiss made a motion to allow the Deer Creek Sodbusters to use the bleachers for their annual show on August 15, 2006. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the purchase of park property from the Sterling Community Association. The association has cleaned up the property and is in the process of rocking the new parking lot. Concerns were the location of the sandbox, maple tree and barriers. This was tabled until the regular meeting on July 11, 2006.

The following were approved as Summer Recreation Program coaches: Wendy Keim, Cherie Walters, Jim Williams, Russ Trauernicht, Sean Notley, Barb Lempka, Colleen Nieveen, Rachel Wirthele, Daniel VanGroningen, Doug Magill.

In the absence of Steve Weiss, Fire Chief, Dwight Weiss reported that all is well with the department and no correspondence has been received in regard to the ISO rating.

Kevin Daehling, Sterling Legion member, inquired on the usage of the storage of the shed at the Sterling Cemtery for storing the Avenue of Flags. It may be necessary to add an addition to the building. No action taken and was tabled until the next regular meeting in July.

David Keim inquired about the possibility of closing the alley next to the Sterling Jet Stop. No action taken.

Weiss made a motion to approve Richardson Tree Service bid to remove two trees and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Building code was discussed and copies were distributed for review.

The Sterling Community Association has given the Village of Sterling \$600.00 toward the purchase of crumb rubber for the park playground. The Village Board of Trustees appreciated their donation.

Stan Karr spoke on the NPPD meeting he recently attended in York, NE. Topics discussed: wind generation; rates; future availability of coal; ethanol plants.

Larry Schultz donated \$100.00 for scrap metal.

Other items of interest: Broadway Street bridge; vacating Illinois Street from the park to Lincoln Street to be adopted by Resolution at the July meeting.

Rengstorf made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:29 p.m. to discuss personnel. Executive session was closed at 9:44 p.m in a motion by Weiss and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Stan Karr, Acting Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk