

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, August 21, 2007 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. The Open Meetings Act was read. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Absent: Stan Karr. Others present: LeRoy Riensche, Roland Philippi, Becky Barner, Audrey Keebler. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held July 10, 2007 and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. There was discussion on bills presented for payment with the exception of Windstream. These bills were approved for payment in a motion by Rengstorf and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Aquila, heating fuel-84.58; Barco, sup.-621.67; Brent Heusman, SRP ump. & sup.-597.06; Carp's, fuel-508.20; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First National Bank of Omaha, sup.-132.32; Great Plains One Call-fee-2.02; Hawkins Water Treatment, sup.-134.43; Hill's Pest Control, fee-75.00; Hilltop Greenhouse, flowers-26.56; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jack Weyers, fee-104.06; Keith Scurto, sup.-41.63; League of NE Mun.-dues-460.00; League of NE Mun. Ut. Section-dues-269.00; Library books-142.09; MCI, phones-12.82; Midwest Labs, fee-55.00; NPPD, ele.1659.94; NE Rural Water Asso.-fee-75.00; Nestor & Mercure, fee-99.00; Olsson Associates, fee-115.70; Payroll-4789.35; Payroll taxes-992.77; Play It Again Sports, sup.-989.57; Richardson Tree Service, tree removal-150.00; SENDD, dues-400.00; Stan Borchert, cemetery mowing-1455.00; State of NE, fee-222.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-206.03; Voice News, pub.-52.04; Waymire Well-rep.-609.13; Windstream, phones-647.43; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-133.83. Total: \$14,714.22.

Late water payments were discussed and all will be contacted.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on the following repair street cuts; missing sign; pitching machine theft; front pickup tires replacement; tractor repairs; sewer pump replacement; purchase traffic cones; water meters for individuals out of city limits; electronic scale in well house needs to be replaced; sanitation survey to be completed by September 24, 2007. The board gave Riensche permission to get parts necessary for sewer repairs.

Fire Chief's report: November 17, 2007 and December 8, 2007 NIMS test; September 13 or 14, 2007 transportation for emergency response by Burlington Railroad at 7th & P Street in Lincoln, NE; Sterling Rural Fire Department purchased a new utility truck. Audrey Keebler and Becky Barney, Sterling Tree Board members; discussed removal of tree shrubs by the Sterling Lumber Company and acquiring a grant to purchase trees. The replacement of the fence at the tennis court was tabled.

Weiss made a motion to have the chairman sign a contract with Recycling Enterprise of Nebraska to provide a baler for cardboard. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Surveillance cameras discussed but no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk