

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, September 11, 2012 at 7:28 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 Mercure, Kevin McAuliffe, LeRoy Riensche, Earl Keebler, Todd Speth, Eldon Wilken, Audrey Keebler, Roger Huls, Kenneth and Ardis Wentz. Chairman Heusman acknowledged the Open Meetings Act and the location on the north wall of the Sterling Fire Barn.

Heusman made a motion to adopt the 2012-2013 budget and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Rengstorf made a motion to set the levy at 0.386827 and adopting Resolution 2012-5 with a tax request in the amount of \$60,600.00. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution 2012-5 will be mailed to Kathleen Nieveen, Johnson County Clerk, prior to October 13, 2012.

Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2012 and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills and Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment: Black Hills Energy, fuel-77.89; BMG, budget preparation-1828.50; Constellation Energy, fuel-.3.56; City of Tecumseh, Utilities Department, sewer jetting-500.00; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-836.21; Gage County Equipment, Inc., sup.34.59; Great Plains One Call, fee-8.11; Hawkins, sup.-211.50; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-573.43; Kevin McAuliffe, cell phone-30.00; Kevin McAuliffe, ins. Allowance-300.00; League of NE Municipalities, dues utilities section-481.00; Library books-209.24; Lola Wentz, internet reimb.-90.00; MCI, phones-25.91; Mr. H's R & R, sup.-275.00; Muncipal Chemical, sup.-275.00; Muncipal Supply, sup.-1111.64; NPHEL, water test fees-164.00; NSPPD. Electricity, 3279.26; Payroll-9130.69; Payroll Taxes-1676.39; Presto-X, fee-7963; SENE Coop, sup.-143.68; Sid's auto Parts, sup.-219.22; Stan Borchert, cemetery mowing,-730.00; Sterling Fire Department, half share of association dues and training for firemen-510.00; Sterling Lumber, sup.-699.80; Steve Mercure, Monthly retainer-100.00; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; True Value Hardware, sup.-14.99; Voice News, pub.-47.13; Waterworks, sup.-1249.06; Windstream, phones-58.21; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-196.45; Total: \$24,678.67.

Todd Speth, Muncipal Supply, Inc., representative was present to inform the Board of Trustees about the water meters his company sells. The handheld coder can be placed on the inside set and pit set meters. Three days of training are offered and billing software will be needed in order to process the billing information. The meteres have warrantees of up to ten years and twenty years depending on the type of meter. Costs of the meters were discussed.

Utility superintendent, Kevin McAuliffe, reported on these subjects: pumping out the pit at the sewer plant; Brett Southwood of Hickman, NE, will be contacted in regard to the pumping; crosswalk going downhill to the park, crossing Lincoln Street, will be painted; school zone signs are needed; John Hestermann, Hamilton Equipment, will be contacted to check out the village's bobcat to see what can be allowed for a trade-in towards a new bobcat; posts are needed at the park and sewer plant and can be purchased from Orschein's Supply; recycling pickup in Sterling; backup water operator does need to be certified.

No action was taken on the possibility of selling Forever postage stamps at the Sterling Library. Steve Mercure, village attorney, will correspond with Doug Schmidt on the cleanup of his property. Heusman will talk to Darren Belding, Dean Young and Bill Nichols. A public nuisance against Luella Phillippi will be filed in County Court.

A building permit was issued to Carolyn and Harold Wolfenbarger for an addition to their house. Four wheelers on the village streets were addressed as a concern due to the fact there are unlicensed drivers operating them. Sheriff Walton needs to be notified in regard to the violator, place and time. Golf carts on the streets were discussed but no action was taken.

Resolution #2012-4 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBDIVISION OF EAST HALF OF LOT 3, AND EAST HALF OF LOT 13, ALL IN BLOCK 15, ORIGINAL TOWN OF STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA" for Roger and Karen Huls was approved in a motion by Heusman and was seconded by Rengstorf. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the ordinance regarding the landlord's responsibility for utility bills.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk