

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 13, 2011 at 7:43 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, Audrey Keebler, LeRoy Riensche, Tim Norris.

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 August 9, 2011, and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Rengstorf made a motion to allow the bills as presented and Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. These bills were approved for payment with the addition of tree removal by Harold Richardson for a street tree that damaged Ina Thiel's during a recent wind storm. Cost being \$800.00.

B.A.B Inc., repair work on Duane Zink dam-1200.00; Black Hills Energy, fuel-79.60; BMG, budget prep. & fees-1796.50; Constellation energy, fuel-14.91; Danko Emergency Equipment, sup.-176.54; First National Bank Omaha, sup.-157.98; Great Plains One Call, fee-12.27; Harold Richardson, tree removal at Ian Thiel's house-800.00; Home & Farm Ins., renewal-9567.00; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop Inc., fuel-880.06; Kuhl Trenching, locate water main-840.00; Kuhl Trenching, install gate valve-840.00; Kuhl Trenching, Ohio Street extension, 23867.50; Kuhl Trenching, rock-276.00; library books-56.54; MCI, phones-26.24; Municipal Pipe Services, fee-1450.00; Municipal Supply, Inc., sup.-5148.84; NPPD, electricity, 2600.68; NPHEL, fee-44.00; League of NE Mun., dues-549.00; Utilities Section, League of NE Mun., dues-308.00; Payroll-6469.76; Payroll Taxes-1259.48; Play It Again Sports, sup.-SRP-17.97; Presto-X, fee-76.00; Quill Corp., sup.-2-5.09; Sargent Drilling, well tests-200.00; Stan Borchert Mowing, cem. mowing-1460.00; Sterling Rural Fire Dept., group life ins.-448.50; Steve Mercure, fee-100.00; Steve Weiss Construction, install library window-1243.26; Steve Weiss, fee-114.60; Voice News, pub.-81.64; Westside Auto Supply, sup.-23.37; Windstream, phones-372.89; Wusk Power Equipment, sup.-152.23. Total: \$63,399.58.

Weiss made a motion to adopt the 2011-2012 budget and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Wingert made a motion to increase the restricted funds by one percent and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Rengstorf made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-2 setting the levy for property tax request of \$63266.05 for general purposes and \$36,628.00 for property tax request for bond principal and interest and Heusman seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

LeRoy Riensche, utility superintendent, reported on these topics: Ohio Street water main extension completed; water leak on South Main Street. Weiss made a motion to repair the South Main Street water as soon as possible. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Municipal Pipe Services, Inc. and Kuhl Trenching will be assisting with the repairs. Bobcat needs repairs as the hydraulic fluid is leaking; Gage County Equipment will do the repairs; Williams Drilling will be billed for water used for drilling a well; problems with the tree dump not being closed.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported: appreciation supper at the Sterling Fire Department on September 17th sponsored by the firemen; area needs to be bladed and leveled for SENE Coop, Sterling site, for grain storage; problem with a fireman bringing a ride along to fire calls which makes insurance coverage for invalid.

There were no zoning permits; no action on cemetery directory; property annexation being researched; no action on merger of the fire departments.

Capitol Humane Society of Lincoln, NE, has been contacted to take care of Dolbow's dangerous dog.

Weiss made a motion to approve Olsson Associates Letter Agreement for Professional Consulting Services for 2012, 2012 and 2013 projects and Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

The Board of Trustees approved adding terroristic insurance for \$67.00 a year after discussion with Tim Norris, insurance representative for Sterling.

Bids for concrete benches at the Sterling Park are as follows: Lincoln Concrete-\$1230.00; Wentz Construction-\$500.00; Weiss Construction-\$550.00. Rengstorf made a motion to approve the Wentz Construction bid of \$500.00 for benches at the Sterling Cemetery. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss reported that he can get used glass door for the Sterling Library at a cost of \$50.00. All board members approved this purchase.

Chairman Heusman received a thank you from Deer Creek Sodbusters for use of bleachers during their recent antique machinery show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Chairman of the Board

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk