

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, March 9, 2010 at 7:05 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 and location were acknowledged. Chairman Dennis Heusman called the meeting to order. Trustees answering roll call were: Scott Buss, Vane Rengstorf, Dwight Weiss, Chuck Wingert. Visitors: LeRoy Riensche, Steve Weiss, Steve Mercure, Stan Borchert, Bob Nielsen, Steve Eickhoff, Michelle Salberg, Eldon Wilken

Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting with a correction to the minutes. Waste Connection contract is for a five year period instead of ten. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried. Weiss made a motion to allow the bills with two additions: Vane Rengstorf-snow removal and Steve Weiss snow removal. Wingert seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: Buss, Weiss, Wingert, Heusman. Abstaining: Rengstorf. Motion carried.

These bills were approved for payment: Beatrice Board of Public Works, sewer jetting-340.30; Black Hills Energy, fuel-933.70; BMG, audit-2155.00; Constellation Energy, fuel-1018.59; Employees Benefit Program, Riensche ins.-200.00; First Bankcard, sup.-180.40; Great Plains One Call, fee-1.04; Ivan Heusman, mileage-248.00; Jet Stop, Inc. fuel-508.29; Library books-330.12; MCI, phones-14.12; Municipal Supply, sup.-96.30; NPHEL, fee-10.00; NPPD, ele.-2108.92; Nestor & Mercure, fee-100.00; Olsson Associates, fee-224.90; Payroll-4847.93; Payroll taxes-975.73; Presto-X, fee-72.10; Steve Weiss, snow removal-240.00; Steve Weiss, fee-111.25; Vane Rengstorf, snow removal-100.00; Voice News, pub.-94.00; Waymire Well, sup.-28.16; Windstream, phones-63.47; Wusk Power Equipment, rep.-1832.17. Total: \$16834.49.

Utility Superintendent, LeRoy Riensche, reported on the following: hauling rock; began well repair work March 9; standby well is working; Chairman Heusman will order two loads of rock; Division Street rocking; crack sealing bids; curb repairs; gas company to locate lines for new library furnace; park will be unlocked March 15; Sanitary Survey. Recycling Enterprises paid \$309.53 for last trailer hauled in December of 2009.

Snow removal on the walking path was appreciated by path users. Sterling Community Association representative, Bob Nielsen, and Michelle Salberg, Women of Today, representative, reported that \$5000.00 left from the walking path project will be used to purchase lighting, signage and planting of trees and shrubs. Deadline for completion of project is June 1, 2010. A special meeting will be held March 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall to discuss types of trees to be planted and costs.

Fire Chief, Steve Eickhoff, reported that the Sterling Fire Department assisted with a house fire at Adams.

There were no building permits issued.

There was discussion on bridge replacement on Illinois Street. Weiss made a motion to hire Larry Agena, BAB, Inc. to haul all rubble away and install a four foot tube at a cost of \$5800.00. Buss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Buss made a motion to transfer \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to the Street Fund. Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

One bid was received from Stan Borchert for mowing the cemetery. His bid was \$730.00 for each mowing and \$30.00 per hour for trimming and interseeding for a three year term. The cost may be higher depending if fuel costs increase. Weiss made a motion to hire Stan Borchert and Rengstorf seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

Price will be negotiated in March of the following year.

Chairman Heusman appointed Steve Weiss as zoning administrator. Vote: yeas: Rengstorf, Weiss; nays: Buss, Wingert. Due to a tie vote, no action was taken and will be tabled until the next regular board meeting in April. Gary Behrens was appointed as a member of the Planning and Zoning committee due to the resignation of Linda Hronek.

Vote: yeas: all. Appointment approved. Alyce Weiss was appointed to the Library Board to replace Jeanne Albrecht due to her death. Yeas: Buss, Wingert, Rengstorf.

Abstaining: Weiss. Appointment approved.

Wingert made a motion to allow the Sterling Community Association a temporary liquor license for the Sterling Picnic, July 10, 2010. Weiss seconded the motion. Vote: yeas: all. Motion carried.

A surveyor will be hired to survey the Sterling Park since all deeds have been updated. Sterling Legion presented a check to the Village of Sterling for \$50.00 for lease of their building at the Sterling Cemetery.

Thank yous were received from the Dennis Heusman family for flowers after the death of Heusman's father-in-law and from the Sterling Rescue Squad for a contribution to help towards the purchase of a gurney.

Delinquent utility customers will be contacted and notices posted.

Meeting adjourned 9:32 p.m.

Dennis Heusman, Board Chairman

Lola Wentz, Village Clerk