

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF STEGER, WILL & COOK
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

The Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on this 1ST day of March, 2010 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Sherman in the Chair and presiding and Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Also present were Supt. of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Asst Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Village Attorney Franklin Burkey and Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the February 1st Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the February 15th CDBG Hearing minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that in February, 2010 the Fire Department responded to fifty one (51) ambulance calls and thirteen (13) fire calls. There were one hundred and five (105) hours of Firefighter training, eighty four (84) hours of Firefighter II training, eight (8) hours of Special training and forty two (42) hours of EMS training.

Trustee Honea also reported Liberty Tax Service, has addressed its Fire Safety issues and its rear exits are now in compliance.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that the Economic Development Committee will meet again in April. He also reported that progress is being made at the Dialysis Center on 34th Street across from Eastview School.

Trustee Peterson announced that the Police Department received a grant in the amount of \$11685.50 effective March 1, 2010. These funds are earmarked for the Communications Center and communications equipment for the Police Department.

Trustee Peterson invited Police Officers Kozinski and Giorgakis to come forward and be commended for their efforts in an investigation of two subjects for burglaries and thefts in and around the Village of Steger. These two subjects have been charged in

Cook County and will be charged in Will County with several felonies and misdemeanors. Trustee Peterson thanked the Officers for bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that space is still available for 13 & 14 year olds to join the Village's baseball teams. They play at Great Lakes Youth Sports Events at the Ho Chunk fields in Lynwood. Registration is also being accepted for the 15-18 year olds. They will be playing in the Southwest Colt League. Payment plans are available.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

In February 2010 ESDA assisted at accidents, accident reconstruction, fires, weekend patrols, school patrols and provided traffic control at construction sites. ESDA members also provided mutual aid to neighboring communities and School District 194.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in February 2010 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired two (2) water main breaks during the month.

Trustee Seehausen also reported that on February 18th the South Suburban Water Works Association had a well water tasting contest and the Village of Steger came in 2nd place.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki reported that the Building Department issued 17 new permits for total revenue of \$800.00 in February, 2010.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approving the bills for payment with one change. The payment to Denise Louise Jensen should be changed from \$190.00 to \$210.00. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for February 2010 which was \$210,214.96.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of February 2010, which was \$24,090.75.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for February 2010:

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 42,903.24	December 2009
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 22,180.01	December 2009
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Oct. 2009-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Nov. 2009-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Dec. 2009- Delay
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 7,884.47	January 2010
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 23,142.33	December 2009
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 21,229.56	January 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 17,269.96	January 2010
WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 00.00	Dec. 2009
WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 1,112.00	January 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 996.89	November 2009

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Banicki. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of The Steger Watch program to hold Spring *Cleaning Day* on Saturday, May 1st. It is their intention to clean alleys, vacant properties and parkways. Trustee Peterson advised the Steger Watch representatives to prepare a list of vacant properties that they'd like to clean up. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers will contact the owners to gain their permission to clean the properties. Mayor Sherman assured the Steger Watch of the Village's assistance. A signup sheet will be made available for interested residents to help. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table indefinitely the *Scope of Services Agreement with the Metropolitan Planning Council* (\$30,000.00 Grant/In-Kind Services: \$3,000.00 village match) for a public participation effort in planning a village center. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea suggested that as a cost saving measure, certain Village vehicles should be kept at the Village and not taken by employees to their homes after hours. Trustee Honea suggests that any employees called in to work after hours would be reimbursed by the Village for their mileage at the rate set by the IRS. Trustee Peterson suggested that the Village Board needs to set a policy as to which positions are required to keep the Village vehicles after work hours. Trustee Peterson also stated that it should be up to the Mayor's office and Department Heads to enforce the policy set by the Board. Trustee Honea suggested that first responders keep their vehicles with them at all times and other employees with village vehicles are to leave the vehicle at the end of the work day. Police Chief Richard Stultz offered to reimburse the Village for gas for driving his vehicle to and from work each day. Trustee Seehausen suggested that non emergency employees leave their vehicles at the office at the end of each day. Trustee Banicki inquired about job descriptions that included vehicles as part of salaries. Trustee Lopez stated that as a cost saving measure, vehicle use must be addressed. After lengthy discussion on use of Village vehicles, Village Attorney Frank Burkey recommended that the Trustees prepare policy suggestions and he will prepare a policy for discussion at the next Board meeting. Trustee Honea made a motion to table the issue until the next Board Meeting. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez suggests that the Village use its Visa debit card and cancel the American Express account. After discussion, Trustee Lopez made a motion to cancel the Village's American Express credit card. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the request of Village Attorney Franklin Burkey for reconciliation in the amount of \$4,406.00 for calendar year 2009 and a new billing amount of \$3,700.00 per month. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Honea made a motion to grant the request of Girl Scout Troop #007 to use the Village meeting room on Thursday March 11, 2010 from 6:30 to 8pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the request of Senior Services of Will County for financial support in the amount of \$500.00. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Legacy Marketing Partners to host *Pepsi Family Fun Fair* on Saturday May 15 from 10am to 4pm in the Kmart parking lot. Legacy Marketing Partners will be required to provide liability insurance. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Miller Woods Fire Protection District. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt the FEMA Flood Control Maps prepared by Village Engineer Joseph Schudt. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Steger Fire Department's request to use the open fields across from and kitty corner from the Fire Dept. Headquarters for the 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event is scheduled for Friday March 26th from 8 to 9 pm and Saturday March 27th from 10 am to noon. It is also requested that the lawn be mowed by the village prior to the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of New Beginnings Cat Shelter to use of the Fire Station at 3322 Emerald for its 2010 affordable pet vaccine clinic on Sunday, March 7th from 10am to 4pm. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce request for the following dates for its 2010 events:

Village Wide Garage Sale	June 4 & 5
Dixie Dash	June 19
Steger Summer Faire & Carnival	June 24 through 27
Oktober Fest	September 18 & 19
Christmas on the Boulevard	November 27 through January 2, 2011

Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion and notified Chamber President Frank Elton that assistance from Dept. of Public Works will be limited this season. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve The Chamber's request for a liquor license for;

Steger Summer Faire	June 24 through 27 from noon to 1am
Oktober Fest	September 18 & 19 from noon to 11:59pm

Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Chamber's request that Garage Sale Permit fees be waived for the Village Wide Garage sale. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the actions of the February 5th phone poll of the Board as requested by the Village Clerk regarding the *Conditions for Donation of Services and Space agreement 2010 Census*. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to ratify the actions of the February 9th phone poll of the Board as requested by Trustee Honea and Fire Chief Al Martinez to begin the process of advertising for bids for a Vehicle Exhaust System and a Fire Alarm System for the Fire Department Headquarters. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the actions of the February 9th phone poll of the Board, as requested by the Clerk, that upon completion of work on a light pole at 3708 Chicago Road (to the satisfaction of the Project Manager) immediate payment will be made to H. Moenck and Son. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of The Eastview School Student Council to use the Community Center's gym and Community hall for their 2nd *Annual Spring Fling Dance* on Friday March 26th from 6 to 8pm. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Business License Application of Dari Whip Snack Stop at 3144 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approve the Business License Application of Dari Whip Snack Stop Commissary at 26 E. 33rd Place, pending inspections. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Dawn Svenningsen of 162 Grace expressed concern regarding personal use of village vehicles.

Chuck Fajman representing St. Liborius announced that St. Liborius has won a U.S. Cellular Contest worth \$100,000 to the school. Also, in 2011 the St. Liborius school campus will be closed. All classes will be moved to the Crete campus and consolidated with St. Mary's of Park Forest.

A resident congratulated the Steger Watch program for their efforts in cleaning up the community. President Sherman recommended he speak to Code Enforcement Officer Butch Brown regarding specific issues in his neighborhood.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt requested the Bid opening of March 15th be added to the March 15th agenda. The Bid opening is for the Halsted Phase II project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Seehausen moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk