

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 19th day of April, 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 Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Asst Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Village Attorney Franklin Burkey, Project Manager Roger Mumford and Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the April 5th Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

President Sherman presented the Village Clerk with three (3) Vetoes. Veto #1 was regarding the Ordinance No. 997 Abolishing the Village Administrator position, Veto #2 was regarding the attempt to delete from the budget appropriation monies for the Village Administrator and Veto #3 action regarding use of Village owned vehicles. The Village Clerk advised the Village Attorney that President Sherman has signed Ordinance No. 997. Village Attorney Burkey stated that since the Ordinance has been signed the "Veto messages are useless".

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the Fire Department's request to approve Christopher Luft and Victoria Gazzillo as a probationary Firefighter, pending background and medical check. 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 invited the Steger Fire Department Auxiliary to come forward and present the Fire Chief a check for the purchase of three (3) carbon monoxide monitors. Chief Martinez also invited Frank Elton from the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce to present their donation to be used for the purchase of the carbon monoxide monitors. President Sherman thanked both groups for their generous donations.

Trustee Honea announced a total of \$1,000.00 has been donated to the Steger Days event. Additional donations can be made during business hours at the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on May 6th at 7pm at the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT (cont.)

Trustee Peterson reported that the Kmart store is planning renovations at its Steger location. The Dialysis Center is progressing, as well.

Trustee Peterson suggests a change to the C Ticket and A/O Ticket Hearings, combining the two (2) dates and increasing the adjudicator's fee for the combined hearing.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that Steger Little League's season opens on Saturday April 24th with the annual parade. All are invited to attend games as well as the parade.

Trustee Lopez also thanked the Dept of Public Works for replacing the flags at the parks.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy reported that in March 2010, ESDA provided service at accidents, fires, and weekend patrols. ESDA assisted at the funeral of a Homewood Firefighter, the Manhattan parade, a Sauk Village Accident and a Fire Investigation in Chicago Heights. ESDA personnel participated in Hazardous Awareness and Emergency Response Trainings.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen made a motion that Village Engineer Joe Schudt put out to bid the sewer rehabilitation of lining the sewers. 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 BANICKI'S REPORT

None

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approving the bills for payment as listed. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kozy made a motion to table until the first meeting of June 2010, ORDINANCE NO. 998 THE FINANCIAL CRISIS RECOVERY ORDINANCE. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Trustee Seehausen voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 990 STEGER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT RESOLUTION. 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 Peterson made a motion to allow the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for;

Stone and gravel

Concrete

Asphalt

Tree Trimming and Removal

Maintenance of lawns at vacant properties in the Village

Heating and Air Conditioning Maintenance Service for Village owned buildings

Janitorial services for Village Hall, Police Department and Community Center

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 Honea made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Steger Fire Department for a Small Equipment Grant in the amount of \$16,270.00. 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 Honea made a motion to grant the request of Fire Chief Al Martinez to proceed with *Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response* grant application from FEMA. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Al Martinez regarding the April 12th bid opening for a Fire Department Vehicle Exhaust System. 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 accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Al Martinez regarding the April 12th bid opening for a Fire Alarm System. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lopez. 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 proclaim May 2010 “Motorcycle Awareness Month” as requested by South Suburban A.B.A.T.E of Illinois. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request from Department of Public Works Superintendent Bill Cox to put certain pieces of equipment out to bid. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of the Village Clerk to use Obenauf Internet Auctions from Round Lake, IL for surplus equipment bidding. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion, effective April 27, 2010 to combine the C-Ticket and A/O Hearings to the same evening each month. Trustee Peterson recommends the hearing officer’s compensation be \$400.00 per combined hearing date. 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 Honea made a motion to adopt a cost saving measure regarding street lights in the Village, as suggested by Project Manager Roger Mumford. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

The Village President directed Project Manager Roger Mumford to evaluate the need for a *Stop* sign or a *Caution Children at Play* sign at 31st Street and Sangamon as requested by Sarah Bult.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Cook County Clerk David Orr to use the Village Hall, the Fire Department Headquarters and the Fire Station at 3320 Emerald as Polling Places on Tuesday November 2, 2010 from 5am to 9pm for the General Election. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the request of Ryan Bogenschneider from Hog Haven BBQ Restaurant. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on April 28th.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers requested permission to hire part time seasonal employees to mow lawns at vacant properties in the Village. Trustee Seehausen recommended that the employees be hired at minimum wage. Trustee Banicki suggested that the new hires be residents of Steger. The Village Attorney verified that the part time seasonal employees must be 18 years of age. Trustee Honea asked that Public Works assist in the mowing when possible. Trustee Seehausen agreed that when available, Public Works can assist. Trustee Peterson recommends that before part time employees are hired, the Village review the bids from outside vendors and determine which will be most cost effective. Trustee Lopez inquired about the rate of recovery on liens and invoices for mowing. Myers assured the Board that liens have been placed on properties mowed by the Village.

Gene Salmen of the Steger VFW presented the Village with a donation of \$1,600.00 to subsidize the Summer Band program. The Board and all in attendance thanked the VFW with rousing applause. Mr. Salmen said the VFW will do its best to continue to help subsidize the program.

Carol Lindeman of 215 Barbara Lane asked about the drainage problem behind her home. Trustee Seehausen assured Ms. Lindeman that Public Works is looking into clearing up the problem.

One of the Steger Volleyball teams presented President Sherman with a plaque and thanked him for sponsoring their team.

Ryan Bogenschneider of Hog Haven thanked the Board and Code Enforcement for assisting him in getting his restaurant up and running.

Trustee Seehausen asked Village Attorney Burkey for clarification on the Vetoes by the Village President. Mr. Burkey stated that since Ordinance No. 997 has been signed, that veto is null and void. The veto regarding use of Village-owned vehicles will appear on the May 3, 2010 agenda. Mr. Burkey also stated that the budget appropriation of monies for the Village Administrator position, as a practical matter, can be removed from the budget when the budget is presented to the Board for passage.

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 7:23 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk