

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 17th day of May, 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: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. Trustees Banicki and Peterson were absent. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Asst Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Village Attorney Franklin Burkey and Project Manager Roger Mumford.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the May 3rd Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea announced that the 5th Annual Steger Day of Prayer will be held Saturday June 5th from 10am to noon.

Trustee Honea introduced Airman First Class Ryan Kamplain to the Board. Airman Kamplain is a Steger resident stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi. Kamplain has recently returned from an eight month deployment in Iraq. Trustee Honea asked the audience to welcome Kamplain home with a round of applause.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy reported that in April 2010, ESDA provided service at accidents, fires, funeral detail and weekend patrols. ESDA members attended SMART meetings, Search and Rescue Training and CPR Training

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

None

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approving the bills for payment as listed with two changes. Trustee Seehausen requests that two Shorewood bills totaling \$82.15 be listed under Parks and not under Road and Bridge. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the discussion of Ordinance No. 955 and changes to the Village electrical code until the June 7th Board meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers will discuss the electrical code further with the Trustees and have a recommendation at that time. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to repair the dump truck to be used by the lawn maintenance crew at an approximate cost of \$400.00, as reported by Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept the bid of \$14,464.00 for Fire Department equipment at Chief Al Martinez's request. Alexis Fire Equipment was the lowest bidder that submitted a complete bid. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 194. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kozy made a motion to table until the June 7th Board meeting a proposed sign in the Industrial Park at Louis Sherman Drive. Joe Nicolazzi and Mike Bless, local businessmen, are interested in erecting a lighted sign at the Industrial Park advertising local businesses. Attorney Burkey recommended Nicolazzi and Bless discuss the sign with Economic Development Committee Chairperson, Trustee Peterson. Village Engineer Joe Schudt requested a plot plan of the site to be used for the sign. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to deny the request from Reverend Jason Cox of First Apostolic Church to use the softball field at Veterans Park nearest to the playground equipment on Sunday, May 23rd from 3pm to dusk. The girls softball league is hosting a tournament and May 23rd is not available. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to direct the Village Engineer and Project Manager to proceed with necessary steps to replace a 36 inch culvert that runs under 227th Street west of Miller. Approximately 100 feet of pipe needs to be replaced. Some tree removal, backfilling and asphalt work will also be needed. The Village Engineer suggested MFT funding can be used for the work. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to ratify the voice vote permitting a banner to be hung over Steger Road promoting the Junior Olympics Boxing Event. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request from Barbara Herzig of St. Liborius Church to block off Halsted Boulevard between 35th and 36th Street on Saturday, June 5th following the 5pm Mass. Mrs. Herzig requests Halsted to be closed by ESDA from 5:50 to 6:50pm for the Corpus Christi Procession. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request from Laura Oldenburg of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library to use the Veterans Park Pavilion on Friday July 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30pm for a Costume Parade and Spooky campfire stories. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Christine Lustyk of Cub Scout Pack 173 to use of the parking lot at the Steger Community Center for a rummage sale during the Community Wide Garage Sale June 4th & 5th. Trustee Lopez requests the Cub Scout group stay to the west end of the parking lot as the Community Center is rented for a private function. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to allow Michelle Skrezyna to use Veterans Park for an Eastview Kindergarten graduation picnic Thursday June 3, 2010 from 9:30am to 2pm. Ms Skrezyna requests use of the pavilion, restrooms and an electrical outlet for a "jumpy house." Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request from Roxanna Ruiz of Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center to use the K Mart parking lot and village water supply for a Kiddie Car Wash to be held on Saturday May 22nd from 10am to 4pm.

This fundraiser will assist the Preschoolers in purchasing their caps and gowns for their June graduation. Aunt Martha's also requests traffic safety cones for the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to deny the request of Anthony W. Williams, a candidate for the 2nd Congressional District to use the Village Meeting Room for a Meet and Greet event on Saturday, June 26th from 6 to 9pm. Trustee Seehausen suggests that Mr. Williams attend a Village Board meeting to introduce himself to the Board. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to charge Jack's Bar and Grill \$1.00 per table and permit them to hold a tailgate party on June 13th using the west parking lot at their location. Jack's is planning to grill and have bean bags games at the event. Village Attorney Frank Burkey made the Board aware that use of the Village property by private businesses is not lawful. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. Trustee Seehausen voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to permit Wildcats Football and Cheerleading requests permission to hold a Tag Day on Saturday August 7th from 8am to 1pm. Money raised will be used to purchase new equipment. The use of safety vests is also requested. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. No children should be allowed in the street collecting donations. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the bid of Gallagher Asphalt as the other bidders omitted Cold Patch in their bids. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept Lake County Cartage's bid for Stone and Gravel. Lake County Cartage is a Steger based business and the bid is just slightly higher than the lowest bidder. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept Project Manager Roger Mumford's recommendation of Davis Concrete as low bidder for concrete work. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept Project Manager Roger Mumford's recommendation of Homer Tree Service for tree trimming and removal. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the lowest bid by Best Quality Cleaning for Janitorial Service. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the lowest bid by Merts for HVAC Maintenance Service. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to table the results of the I & I Sewer Rehabilitation – Sewer Lining bid opening until the June 7th Board meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on May 26th at 6pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Platopoulis of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive discussed problems experienced in her neighborhood due to the operation of PMJ Enterprises. Ms. Platopoulis states that PMJ operates its business from 6am until as late as 1am. PMJ is storing junk cars, trucks, trailers and vending booths at its location. President Sherman directed the Code Enforcement Officers to investigate the situation immediately.

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 7:36 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk