

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 7th day of June, 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, and Village Attorney Franklin Burkey.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the May 17th 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 HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that in May 2010 the Fire Department responded to eighty three (83) ambulance calls and twenty five (25) fire calls. There were one hundred and thirty eight (138) hours of Firefighter training, forty eight (48) hours of Firefighter II training, twenty four (24) hours of Special training and twenty seven (27) hours of EMS training.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson postponed the possible appointment of a Police and Fire Board Member.

On behalf of the Economic Development Committee, Trustee Peterson reported that the Dialysis Center recently held a Ground Breaking Ceremony and construction appears to be moving forward.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in May 2010 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired one (1) water main and replaced one (1) hydrant during the month.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki reported that in May, fifty seven (57) new permits were issued for total revenue of \$15,633.43.

BILLS

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

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for May 2010 which was \$191,472.30.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of May 2010, which was \$22,791.89.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 41,906.67	March 2010
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 26,319.71	March 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Dec. 2009
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Jan. 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Feb. 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Mar. 2010-Delay
REPLACEMENT TAX		\$ 3,595.89	April 2010
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 6,414.41	April 2010
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 20,995.23	April 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 15,869.88	April 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 17,719.87	April 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 23,755.67	March 2010
WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 1,186.00	April 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 1,302.58	February 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 1,269.17	March 2010

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

Trustee Banicki inquired about the State Income Tax average monthly amount. It was estimated that approximately \$80,000 is the short fall.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Matt Wenzel, a resident, regarding Trustees' compensation. Trustee Peterson stated he'd be willing to forgo his compensation if he could be assured of the use of the funds. Trustee Honea stated that a resolution cannot be passed to remove compensation from the Trustee position. Trustee Peterson agreed and added that the Board could draft a resolution removing compensation from future Boards. Peterson also stated that compensation by current Board members can be voluntarily given up, but cannot be forced.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion that ORDINANCE NO. 998 FINANCIAL CRISIS RECOVERY ORDINANCE (tabled 4/19/10) be tabled until the November 1, 2010 Board Meeting. 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 that plans for a lighted sign in the Industrial Park at Louis Sherman Drive, as requested by businessmen Joe Nicolazzi and Mike Bless continue. Village Engineer Joe Schudt recommends that Nicolazzi and Bless meet with him to determine the best location for the sign. Village Attorney Frank Burkey reminded the Board that the agreement proposes the Village own the sign, insure the sign and assess business owners an annual fee to advertise on the sign. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. After discussion, the roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the Intergovernmental agreement with School District #194 until he has had an opportunity to meet with the School District to further discuss. 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.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers discussed life safety codes and the recommendations made by John Cashman, regarding Re occupancy Inspections, Building Inspections and electrical codes. Myers assured the Board that 90% of Cashman's suggestions are now being met by the Building Department.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt recommended the Board accept the low bid by National Power Rodding for the I & I Sewer Rehabilitation-Sewer Lining. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid with the change order on Mr. Schudt's recommendation. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the voice vote of May 25, 2010 regarding use of Veterans Park June 1st and 2nd by Eastview School for School picnics. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify a voice vote regarding a temporary business license for Action Sportswear at 7/11's parking lot to sell Blackhawks souvenir items. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 999 Amending Article I, Chapter 30 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Steger. 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 ORDINANCE NO. 1000 Amending Article III of chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Steger. 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 request of Fire Chief Al Martinez regarding parking at the Emerald Avenue Fire Station. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Norman Flaig and Brenden Pooley as probationary Firefighters pending background checks and physical examinations. 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 Peterson made a motion to concur with the Mayor's appointments by the Mayor of Department Heads, as follows;

Joseph Schudt, Village Engineer	Franklin D. Burkey, Village Attorney
Edward Myers, Chief Building Inspector	Brian Driscoll, Hearing Officer
Letke & Associates, Village Auditor	Diana Rossi, Community Center Director
Richard Stultz, Police Chief	Al Martinez, Fire Chief
Mark Gineris, Village Treasurer	Crista Zivanovic, Village Prosecutor
William Cox, Superintendent of Public Works	
Roger Mumford, Project Manager/ESDA Coordinator	
Joe Formentini, Recreation Board Chairman	
Committees, Commissions and Board appointments (postponed)	

Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Trustee Honea requested a contract for Village Attorney Franklin Burkey as he is no longer a regular Village employee, but is now contractual. 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 request from the South Suburban Humane Society to hold its annual Penny Power (and Dollars Don't Hurt!) Tag Days Event on June 25, 26 & 27. Two or Three Humane Society volunteers will be at Village locations to collect spare change donations. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to put out for bid as surplus property, the Code Enforcement Ford Crown Victoria as recommended by the Finance Committee. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. The Village Clerk suggested using Obenauf On Line Auction for the sale of the vehicle, as the previous sale was very successful. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that the Village will be receiving \$200,000.00 from CDBG for the restoration of Peoria Street. The work will be completed in 2011.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 6pm on Wednesday June 9th in the Village Meeting Room.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Debbie Pious of 3514 Halsted Boulevard approached the Board. Ms. Pious stated that the trees on the parkway in front of her home need to be trimmed. Project Manager Roger Mumford will inspect.

John Cashman of 3510 Phillips Avenue requested that descriptions of Ordinances be included on the agenda so that readers will better understand the Ordinances prior to the Board meetings. Cashman also asked if Code Enforcement's report was tabled. Village Attorney Frank Burkey replied that Code Enforcement will make another report at the next meeting regarding building codes.

Chuck Parris from Sherman Road 22335 Sherman Road needs Code Enforcement's attention regarding property maintenance and weeds. 22435 Sherman Road is also in need of attention; the house has been abandoned and needs to be cleaned up.

Matt Wenzel of 3133 Sandy Ridge commented on his letter regarding Trustee compensation. Wenzel was not aware that an Ordinance could not be approved at this time regarding the current Board's compensation. Wenzel suggested that Trustees save the Village approximately \$21,000 per year by donating their compensation back to the Village. Wenzel also suggested future boards are as a voluntary position.

Andrea Sherman of 545 East 231st Street suggested the Village clean up the plantings in front of the Village Hall removing a growth of poison ivy. President Sherman assured Ms. Sherman that the problem will be remedied.

Village Attorney Frank Burkey approached the Board and recommended the Board consider adding a "Thorn Creek mandated special assessment" onto the quarterly water bills to cover the Thorn Creek mandated expenses of the coming year.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt thanked the Board for the opportunity to continue to work for the Village.

Cornell Hudson of 22931 Oakland Drive thanked President Sherman for having worked with Cook County and securing CDBG funds for projects throughout the Village over the years.

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 7:40 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk