

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 July, 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, Peterson and Honea. Trustee Banicki was absent. 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 June 21st Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that in June 2010 the Fire Department responded to sixty seven (67) ambulance calls and twenty three (23) fire calls. There were ninety six (96) hours of Firefighter training, eighty seven (87) hours of Firefighter II training and twelve (12) hours of EMS training.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the 2nd quarter Firemen's payroll. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez announced that Steger Little League is holding the Baseball District playoffs for 11 and 12 year olds and invited everyone to come out and support the teams.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in June 2010 all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired two (2) water mains and replaced one (1) hydrant during the month.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approving the bills as listed for payment. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for June 2010 which was \$191,374.37.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of June 2010, which was \$26,608.84.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 4,786.14	April 2010
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 27,578.23	April 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 71,459.76	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
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	April 2010-Delay
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 12,800.99	May 2010
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 20,313.31	May 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 9,872.88	May 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 13,756.08	May 2010
WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 714.00	May 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 925.81	April 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Village Attorney Frank Burkey to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District regarding sewer rehabilitation and maintenance expenses.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to hear Gallagher Benefits Services' presentation, at this point in the meeting rather than later under **New Business**. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Alleman of Gallagher Benefits Services presented information on employee health benefits options. Attorney Burkey stated that the Eastern Will County Group

That the Village currently belongs to will be incorporated into Gallagher's Group. Attorney Burkey stated that if the Board chooses to move ahead with Gallagher's program, a Resolution at the next meeting of the Board will be required. Burkey also stated that if the Village chooses not to join the Group, Steger will be alone in negotiating group benefits rates. Cornell Hudson of Russell Publications inquired whether the Village of Steger will become a voting member of the group, as Steger is a nonvoting member of Eastern Will County group. Mr. Alleman suggested Steger consult with Eastern Will County to become a voting member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the discussion on installing a lighted sign in the Industrial Park at Louis Sherman Drive, as requested by businessmen Joe Nicolazzi and Mike Bless so that Village Engineer Joe Schudt can determine the best location for the sign. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. After discussion, a voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Honea made a motion that Maytag Amado Wash Laundromat be required to pay the balance of their outstanding water bill in full as determined at the June 21st, meeting of the Board, or face disruption of service. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Trustee Kozy President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

After discussion Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Village of Steger and Attorney Franklin D. Burkey in the amount of \$44,000.00 per year. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. Trustee Honea voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 981 FOR PARTICIPATION IN STATE OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 982 ABOLISHING REFERENCE TO THE POSITION OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR IN EMPLOYEE WORK POLICY. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. Trustee Peterson and President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to revoke the Business License of PMJ Enterprises at 3222 Keeney Avenue, as requested by the Fire Inspector and Code Enforcement Officers. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the Agreement with the Secretary of State's office regarding vehicle registration within the Village of Steger. Trustee Peterson requested the Village Attorney Frank Burkey to review the agreement prior to its vote at the next Village Board meeting.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the phone poll permitting a Block Party on Saturday, July 17th on 35th Street from Emerald to Chicago Road. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Pastor T. Jason Cox of First Apostolic Church to borrow 10-15 picnic tables on Friday July 23rd from 9am to 2pm for Vacation Bible School picnic. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request from Lynne Smith of 3341 Hopkins, for a "Caution Blind Child at Play" sign on the street in front of her home. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Another Hole in the Wall at 3236 Union Avenue for a fifteen (15) day liquor license. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Trustees Seehausen and Kozy voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 6pm on Wednesday July 28th in the Village Meeting Room.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Cashman of 3510 Phillips Avenue stated that he has met several times with Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers and that information will be coming to the Board regarding those meetings. Mr. Cashman also requested that the Board take action on the information at the next Board meeting.

Linda Glover of 21171 Jim Johnson Lane reported two large holes in the road at Lisa and Jim Johnson Lanes. Ms. Glover requested the Village have the holes repaired. President Sherman requested Public Superintendent of Public Works to repair the hole as soon as is possible.

Carol Lindeman thanked the Board for having Westwood Park drainage problem cleared up. Ms. Lindeman stated that the area is cleaned up and draining properly.

Patrick Murphy of 3625 Green Street inquired about the Thorn Creek sewer rehab fees increase on his water bill. Attorney Frank Burkey reported that certain rehabilitation repairs are required by Thorn Creek and the charge has been added to water bills to make these repairs.

ADJOURNMENT to EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

RECONVENED

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to reconvene the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:07pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1002 MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CORPORATE PURPOSE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2011. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk