

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 20TH day of September, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, ESDA Director Roger Mumford and Village Attorney Franklin Burkey.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the August 16th 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 August 2010 the Fire Department responded to seventy five (75) ambulance calls and eighteen (18) fire calls. There were one hundred and fifty (150) hours of Firefighter training, Forty Eight (48) hours of Firefighter II training and eight (8) hours of Special training.

Trustee Honea thanked all the businesses, individuals and organizations that donated to make Steger Day 2010 possible. In the spring, Trustee Honea had asked the Village Board for a budget not to exceed \$6,000.00. \$5,642.00 was donated to the event. Honea has applied for a grant from Kohl's and hopes to receive an additional \$500.00. If the Kohl's grant is awarded to the Village, the total cost to the Village would be \$91.00 which Honea has offered to donate making the event without expense to the Village. Honea also suggested residents patronize these donor-businesses and organization. Trustee Banicki thanked Trustee Honea for her hard work putting the event together and collecting the many donations.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson commended Officer Jeff Pogose. On August 16th in the 3600 block of Morgan Officer Pogose observed two subjects sitting on a porch. Pogose was familiar with the two subjects and aware of an outstanding warrant for one of the subjects. Officer Pogose observed the two preparing to leave the residence and determined he could not wait for backup. He approached the two subjects and placed them in custody as Officer Banicki arrived for backup. One of the subjects was wanted for murder and a \$5,000,000.00 bond.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that the Recreation Board has changed its meeting dates to the 4th Monday of each month at the Village Hall Meeting Room.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in August 2010 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired five (5) water mains and replaced two (2) main valves.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

None

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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for August 2010 which was \$186,172.20.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of July 2010, which was \$28,127.34.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 43,464.35	June 2010
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 27,517.41	June 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$73,109.68	March 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	April 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	May 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	June 2010-Delay
REPLACEMENT TAX		\$ 479.62	July 2010
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 9,234.64	July 2010
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 20,809.88	July 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 24,130.13	July 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 4,788.77	July 2010

WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 47.00	July 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 1,250.53	June 2010

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the August 25th poll of the Board granting a zoning variance for Another Hole in the Wall at 3236 Union Avenue. The change is from B-2 Business District Limited Retail to B-2-B Business District Limited Retail/ Retail Sale of Beer and Wine in Original Containers with Consumption on Premises and Entertainment. 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 Banicki confirmed with Don Miller of Another Hole in the Wall that security/police officers will be on duty at events when attendance warrants.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the August 25th poll of the Board approving Ordinance No. 804-9 to allow for a liquor license for Another Hole in the Wall. 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 Honea made a motion to approve the zoning variance as requested by K Mart LLC and recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Trustee Honea added that the liquor department must be locked up and kept safe from underage shoppers. 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 Ordinance No. 804-8 Amending Chapter Six, Section 6-76 Entitled Limitations on Licenses. Trustee Lopez 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 adopt RESOLUTION NO.985 RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. 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 authorize an Expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$16,837.38 for work on 30th Street from East End Avenue to Holeman Avenue. 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 ratify the August 24th poll of the Board regarding the Fire Department's annual MDA Boot Drive on Saturday September 4th from 9am to 2pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to ratify the September 16th poll of the Board regarding the use of Veterans Park for a memorial service from 1 to 5pm. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to advertise for bids for culvert replacement work in Miller Woods. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt presented Resolution No. 986 for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for culvert work on Wentworth, 227th Street, Lahon Road, Sherman Road, Oakland Drive and Mach Drive. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 986. 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 discussion on Southtown Manor Development's Letter of Credit, on advice of Village Engineer Joe Schudt. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to allow Jack's Bar and Grill to use of the west end of their parking lot for a "Poker Run" on October 2nd to benefit Cancer Research. The event would start approximately 9am and conclude by 10:30pm. Use of ten (10) picnic tables and traffic barricades will be allowed. 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 request of Gary Chonko of 3113 Butler to use Veterans Park for an event to benefit a Steger woman with Multiple Sclerosis subject to availability. 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 Lopez made a motion to approve Gerald Stewart-Basketball and Jonathan Rocha-Softball to the Recreation Board at the recommendation of Joe Formentini, Recreation Board President. 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.

At the recommendation of Fire Chief Al Martinez, Trustee Honea made a motion to promote Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Roesner to Deputy Chief of the Fire Department. The promotion makes Roesner officially the second in command. 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.

The Village Clerk swore in Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the low bid by Airtron Merts upon receipt of Notice to Proceed from Cook County. The bid opening was held September 7th for Replacement and Upgrade of HVAC Systems at the Village Hall and Community Center (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant). 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. Attorney Frank Burkey advised the Board that duct work may be added to the project by change order, subject to approval by Cook County. Trustee Peterson made a motion to authorize Village Project Manager Roger Mumford to prepare a change order for the duct work. 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 Honea made a motion to permit Girl Scout Troop 007 to use the council room for its meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month from October 2010 through June 2011 from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening. (Finance Committee meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, should not be a conflict with the Girl Scouts). Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion to waive the cost of the new water meter as mandated (Ord. 981) by the Village. 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 approve the request of Kevin Hasemeyer of 3322 Florence to hold his third Annual Neighborhood yard party on September 25 from 4 to 11pm. Mr. Hasemeyer plans to have live bands, food, games and beverages at the event. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Honea made a motion to table indefinitely the discussion on branch and leaf pick up. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, and Honea. Trustees Kozy and Peterson voted no. President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to deny the request from "Repairer of the Breach Ministries" of Chicago to solicit donations on October 11, 12 and 13 on Village streets. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for a Cook County Sheriff's Police Gang Task Force between the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department and the Steger Police Department subject to any changes the Village Attorney chooses to make. 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 Seehausen made a motion to approve for all departments, the proposed change to the work policy (10-001), as recommended. 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 provide Kmart with Village Fire and Police Departments' participation in National Safety Weekend October 23 and 24 from 10am to 4pm provided personnel are available. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk Congratulated Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and his wife Mary on their 30th wedding anniversary.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Cashman addressed the Board. Mr. Cashman asked the Board to define the term "Resident Parking Only" as posted on a number of Village Streets. President Sherman stated that he hopes to have the "Resident Parking Only" signs removed by the next Board meeting. President Sherman asked Project Manager Roger Mumford to look into the signs.

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Comments from the Floor (cont.)

Don Miller of Another Hole in the Wall thanked the Steger Police Department for their assistance when his store was recently robbed.

A representative of the Room to Move Dance Studio at 33rd Place and Chicago Road discussed concerns for his patrons. Customers from the Barber Shop next door to his business loiter in front of his business. He stated that beer bottles, cigarette butts and other debris are littering the sidewalk in front. His patrons are frightened by the behavior. Police Chief Richard Stultz assured the Board the problem is being addressed.

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 7:58 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk