

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 18th day of October, 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, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stultz and Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the October 4th 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 read a letter from Illinois Governor Pat Quinn congratulating the Steger Fire Department on its participation in MABAS and disaster preparedness.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson recommended the Village form a committee to look into feasibility of combining with other municipalities either at another location or at the Steger site for radio dispatching.

Trustee Peterson also discussed concerns of the Dialysis Center regarding a surety, letter of credit and insurance pertaining to the large piles of dirt at the site. Village Attorney Burkey will contact the Developer to further discuss the need for a surety or a letter of credit and insurance. Burkey reminded the Board that the Developer has three years to have the dirt removed. Trustee Peterson stated that the cost of the removal cannot and should not be absorbed by the Village.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that registration is currently underway at the Community Center for Volleyball and Basketball. The Community Center will host its annual Halloween party on Friday, October 29 from 6-8 pm for children Kindergarten through 5th grade.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'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: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A note of thanks from the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library to the Board of Trustees for waiving the cost of an outside reading water meter at their location.

A note of thanks to Ray's Quality Produce for the donation of autumn decorations for the Village Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table indefinitely, the discussion on possible participation in EASTCOM radio dispatching service, so that a Committee can be formed and report back to the Board. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO.1004 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE EASTERN WILL COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS FOR HEALTH MANAGEMENT. 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.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 988 AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT (Energy Efficient Conservation Block Grant Airtron/Merts Contract) Trustee Lopez 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 Mayor's appointment of Janice Hicks to the Plan Commission with the concurrence of the Board. Trustee Kozy 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 enter into an annual uniform service agreement with UniFirst for Department of Public Works. After Discussion, 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 Steger VFW Auxiliary to use the Village Meeting Room on February 20, 2011 from 1 to 5pm for its District Meeting. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to enter into an Annual Service Agreement with Corpro for Water Storage Tank Service at both the East and West Water Towers in the amount of \$1,980.00. 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.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to allow the Steger Police Pension Fund to use the Village Meeting room for its quarterly meetings on January 11, April 12, July 12 and October 11, 2011 at 3:30pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trick Or Treat Hours on Sunday, October 31st will be from 3 to 6pm. Halloween bonfire at Veterans Park will begin following Trick Or Treating.

The Village Clerk announced that the Village's Street Light Maintenance Company gave its 30 day notice to terminate its contract. The Clerk requested permission to advertise for bids for Street Light Maintenance. Trustee Peterson made a motion that the Clerk advertise for bids in two ways; a Bid for 7 months service and another for 19 months of service. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried. The Village Engineer suggested that MFT funds may be used for maintenance to Village Street Lights.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Maria Lucente from 3329 Carpenter reported on poor road condition on Loverock where she owns a home. Lucente also requested some tree trimming done to the trees at the Loverock home. Project Manager Roger Mumford will examine the trees.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers asked the Board for direction regarding limbs and leaves left at curbs for pick up when the Village has discontinued the service. Myers reminded the Board that several notices have been given to residents about the limbs and leaves pick up. Many residents have received warning notices. Trustee Honea reported that residents should contact their waste disposal company to have their branches and leaves removed.

Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge expressed her displeasure of her recent treatment by a Police radio dispatcher. Platopoulos reported that PMJ Enterprises on Keeney Avenue was operating a business without a license. Platopoulos was told by the dispatcher that Keeney Avenue did not exist. No report was made, no officer sent to investigate. Trustee Peterson directed Police Chief Stultz to investigate and instruct the dispatchers to provide professional service to residents.

Gloria Bitts of 33rd & Halsted Street approached the Board about the discontinuation of branch and leaf pick up service. Trustee Honea explained that the Village had to discontinue the service because the Illinois EPA ordered the Village to stop its composting of the leaves at Public Works. After discussion, Trustee Honea recommended Mrs. Bitts contact her waste disposal company to have her leaves removed.

Lisa Lauer inquired about the payment for softball umpires. Trustee Lopez assured Ms. Lauer that he will discuss the matter with Recreation Chairperson Joe Formentini.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt discussed the Emergency Repair Program with the Board. Various streets are to be repaired. The funds have not yet been received for the repairs from the State of Illinois. Mr. Schudt recommends that the Village wait to begin work until the money is received. It was the consensus of the Board to wait for the payment before approving the start of the work.

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 7:32 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk