

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 1ST day of November, 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, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stultz, ESDA Director Roger Mumford and Village Attorney Frank Burkey.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the October 18th 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 October 2010 the Fire Department responded to seventy two (72) ambulance calls and twenty six (26) fire calls. Trustee Honea also announced the retirement of Rich Marino with over 14 years of service.

Trustee Honea also reminded the Board and those present that the Steger Fire Department will hold its Pancake Breakfast and Ladies Auxiliary Craft Show on Sunday, November 7th at the Fire Station Headquarters.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that a child was approached on Sandy Ridge Drive at 32nd Street by a man trying to get the child into a car. The child ran safely to his home. The Police Department was notified and the information has been relayed to the Steger Neighborhood Watch. Trustee Peterson recommended that all residents keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity in the neighborhoods and report it to the Police.

Trustee Peterson requested an Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss contract negotiations and litigation.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that basketball registration will continue through Friday, November 5th at the Community Center.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in October 2010 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired six (6) water mains and one (1) water main valve.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

None.

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.

ESDA'S PAYROLL

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the ESDA Payroll. 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.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for October 2010 which was \$303,748.97.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of October 2010, which was \$35, 459.62.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 42,502.01	August 2010
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 26,151.81	August 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	August 2010 Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	June 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	July 2010-Delay
REPLACEMENT		\$ 7,036.53	Aug-Sept. 2010
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 9,904.76	September 2010
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 23,301.56	September 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 26,394,073	September 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 4,610.22	September 2010
WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 3,687.00	September 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 904.56	August 2010

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kozy. 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:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to deny ORDINANCE NO. 998 FINANCIAL CRISIS RECOVERY ORDINANCE. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Jolynda Reyes to attend the IMTA conference in Bloomington, IL at a cost of \$99.00 per night for hotel. Trustee Peterson noted that the conference itself was at no cost to the Village because of a 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.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve an Agreement with Municipal Systems – T.A.G. implementation of Vehicle Sticker enforcement program. 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.

A memo from Fire Chief Al Martinez announcing the retirement of Rich Marino and requesting permission

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Al Martinez to hire Mike Long to fill the position left by Rich Marino's retirement from the Fire Department. 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 Peterson made a motion to accept H. Moenck & Son's request to terminate their contract for street lights maintenance with the Village. 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.

After discussion, Trustee Peterson requested that the Village Attorney amend the current Ordinance regarding Village stickers to exempt antique vehicles from purchasing vehicle stickers and identify which vehicles are antiques. 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 approve the Business License Application of Green-Life "Nutrition Center" at 3027 Chicago Road pending inspections. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 6pm on Wednesday November 10th in the Village Meeting Room.

Columbia Central School students will participate in "Youth in Government Night" at the next Board meeting on November 15th. The students request a question and answer session with the Trustees prior to the meeting, beginning at 6:30pm.

Attorney Burkey announced a CDBG Performance Hearing will follow the November 15th Board Meeting at 7:20pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy thanked Trustee Peterson for mentioning the incident that involved a 6 year old boy and an unidentified man who tried to lure the child into his car. She congratulated the child for having been smart enough to run home and away from the man's car. She also expressed concern over the period of time it took for the Police Dispatch to answer the call from the boy's mother.

Platopoulos inquired about what plans are being made to celebrate Rich Marino's retirement. Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner assured her that celebrations for Marino are in the planning stages.

Platopoulos also discussed with the Board the development agreement for the Manco property on 34th Street, the removal of the dirt piles and a surety bond to insure the dirt's removal. Trustee Peterson remarked that all of these issues are being considered and will be resolved prior to tenants opening businesses at the location.

Ryan Mc Lauchlan of 3700 Carpenter asked if a new meter was required even though he has an "outside read out" meter. It was explained to Mr. Mc Lauchlan that when the Village requires a new meter to be purchased by residents at \$100.00 it includes a new meter inside the home with a "touch pad" outside that is read with a special reading device by the meter reader. Village Attorney Burkey stated that the

Water Department is self sustaining. If a new meter is not purchased by the homeowner, water rates must be increased to cover the costs.

Mark Gerrity of 314 Royal Oak asked about the Village's returned check policy. Gerrity remarked that he'd heard of a situation at the Community Center, where a check was returned from the bank in 2008 and has not yet been made good. The Clerk advised Gerrity that the Village is continuing to pursue the check writer for reimbursement of NSF fees.

Police Chief Richard Stultz reported that at the time the 9-1-1 call was made to the Police Department regarding the near abduction of a 6 year old boy, three other 9-1-1 calls were received. Chief Stultz explained that when two lines are busy with 9-1-1 calls, the other incoming calls continue to ring, but cannot be received until the dispatcher can complete the first call. Trustee Peterson explained that the Board is currently looking into making the dispatch center more efficient and assist in making the Village even safer for residents.

Trustee Peterson thanked the mother of the 6 year old boy for having gone door to door in the neighborhood to be certain all neighbors were aware of the incident and asking them to remain watchful for suspicious situations in the neighborhood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and litigation. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. Trustees Seehausen and Lopez voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:37pm

Trustee Peterson made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board at 8:17pm. 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.

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 8:18 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk