

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 6th day of December, 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, Peterson and Honea. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

MINUTES

Trustee Honea moved that the reading of the November 15th Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea moved that the reading of the November 15th CDBG Performance Hearing minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that a check for \$500.00 from Kohl's has been issued to the Village as a Steger Day donation. The donation makes the 2010 Steger Day event at no cost to the Village.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson welcomed Boy Scout Troop and Pack #100 to the Board Meeting.

Trustee Peterson also stated that the Police Department has two vehicles in need of repairs. Chief Stultz will report to the Board on the repairs of these two vehicles at the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Peterson reported that Tax Increment Financing for the MedVoc Project is on the agenda for discussion and the Dialysis Center development agreement is to be discussed later in the meeting.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in November 2010 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired four (4) water mains.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki reported that in November the Building Department issued a total of 37 new permits for revenue of \$3,503.00

BILLS

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

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for November 2010 which was \$186,841.81.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of November 2010, which was \$36, 147.02.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 45,006.10	September 2010
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 21,450.58	September 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Sept. 2010 Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	August 2010 Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	July 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	June 2010-Delay
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 0.00	October 2010-Delay
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 17,070.24	October 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 17,106.95	October 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 5,248.33	October 2010
WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 1,781.00	October 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 0.00	Sept. 2010-Delay

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 was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to deny ORDINANCE NO. 1005 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 987 EXEMPTING ANTIQUE VEHICLES. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1006 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY 2010 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL 2011. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1007 AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2010 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$1,390,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003 (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 990 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson reported that the Committee assigned to explore options for Police and Fire Dispatch Center met and discussed various options. It appears that the best proposal, currently being considered would combine the South Chicago Heights Police and Fire Department's dispatching at the Steger dispatch center. South Chicago Heights would be assessed an annual fee.

Mary Thompson, legal representative for Julie Bose of MedVoc, at 19 Scrementi Lane, discussed a request for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reimbursement. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table MedVoc's request until further information can be presented to the Economic Development Committee and the Board of Trustees. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to name Matt and Donna Wenzel as Steger's representatives to the "Drivin' the Dixie" event at the request of Elaine Egdorf, the event organizer. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of the Grace Church, the Pentecostal Church and First Apostolic Church to hold the Annual Steger Day of Prayer on Saturday June 5, 2011 with set up starting June 4th at 3pm at the Gazebo on Halsted Boulevard. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of The Steger Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to use the Village meeting room on January 22, 2011 from 9:30 am to 1pm to administer the Sergeant's exam. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve Sandra Bibian as a probationary Firefighter, pending background check and physical examination. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid of M & J Underground for the Miller Woods culverts replacement, subject to IDOT approval. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to amend the work policy raising the amount of comp time a non union employee may accumulate from 120 to 200 hours. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Steve Thurmond and Cub Scout Pack #173 to use the Community Center on January 1st and 2nd, 2011 for their annual Lock-In. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 6pm on Wednesday December 8th in the Village Meeting Room.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Scout Leader Ken Peterson discussed the importance of scouting with the Scouts in attendance.

Bruce Hackel of ReMax discussed the housing market with the Board. Hackel stated that the "affordability index" of homes in Steger has improved. Home prices are still down, foreclosures have slowed down but also new home buyers are more able to purchase homes today because of lower interest rates and home prices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and personnel. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25pm

Trustee Peterson made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board at 9:51pm. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to make changes to the Dialysis Center Development Agreement according to Option One; developing the property north of the property and including insurance provisions with respect to the property. The Option includes the ability to lien the property if the developer fails to either develop the northern property or to remove the dirt from the property. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to recess the Board meeting and reconvene on Friday, December 10th at 7pm. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

DECEMBER 6, 2010 MEETING RECESSED AT 9:53PM

RECOVERED MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2010 AT 7:00PM

The Board of Trustees **reconvened** in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on this 20th day of December, 2010 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the 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. President Sherman was absent. Also present were Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Community Center Director Diana Rossi, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to appoint Trustee Seehausen as temporary mayor in President Sherman's absence. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called. All ayes; Motion carried.

After considerable discussion on finances, the Board determined that another meeting to discuss finances should be held on Thursday, December 30th at 6pm. All Trustees and Department Heads were instructed to review the spending habits of their departments and report back on December 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED DECEMBER 10, 2010 AT 7:55 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk