

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 7th day of February, 2011 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, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers and Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the January 3rd 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 January, 2011 the Fire Department responded to seventy seven (77) Ambulance calls and eleven (11) Fire calls for a total of eighty eight (88) calls.

Trustee Honea announced that the Steger Boy Scouts together with the Steger School District are hosting a spaghetti dinner benefit for a local cub scout and Eastview student, Kody Stoginski. The event will be held at Columbia Central School on Saturday, February 26th from 4 to 9pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

Trustee Honea read a letter from Fire Chief Al Martinez commending the men and women of the Fire Department for their dedication and hard work during the February 2, 2011 Blizzard. Chief Martinez also thanked the Dept of Public Works for the outstanding job they did removing snow from Steger streets during the storm. The Police Department, ESDA, the Fire Department and the Dept. of Public Works coordinated their efforts and worked together providing excellent service to the residents of Steger.

Trustee Honea also thanked Mike and Sheila Madura of Ye Old 5 Loaves for their generous donation of pizza to Village workers during the storm.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy also thanked the Dept of Public Works for the great job removing snow during the blizzard.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in January 2011 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired five (5) water mains. Trustee Seehausen also thanked Public Works for an excellent job removing the snow.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approving the bills as listed for payment when funds are available with one exception. Trustee Seehausen requested that the three invoices from Alexander Chemicals be taken completely from the Water Department and deleted from the Road and Bridge fund. 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.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for January 2011 which was \$201,758.10.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of January 2011, which was \$31,238.29.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for January 2011:

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 69,895.88	November 2010
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 27,550.32	November 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 46,994.65	July 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 48,194.54	August 2010
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	Sept. 2010 Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	October 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	November 2010-Delay
REPLACEMENT TAX		\$ 2,908.76	December 2010
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 14,027.93	December 2010
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 20,844.76	December 2010
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 17,373.39	December 2010

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WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 114.00	December 2010
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 881.12	October 2010

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, Trustee Honea made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 664-4 REVISING BUILDING PERMIT FEES. Trustee Peterson suggested that Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers review the fees and potential impact on residents. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion to table. 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 ORDINANCE NO. 666-2 AMENDING ORDINANCE 666-1 ENTITLED BUILDING CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE FEES. 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 Seehausen made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 850-1 REGULATING SIGNS. 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 Seehausen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 993 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STEGER TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE. 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.

After discussion, Trustee Honea made a motion to amend the Fire Department Attendance Percentage Policy to exempt the Fire Chief from the attendance requirements. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Lopez, and Honea. Trustees Kozy and Peterson voted no. President Sherman abstained. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the January 13th poll of the Board regarding the increase of Food Truck Licenses from \$50.00 to \$100.00 effective February 1, 2011. 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 increase the Planning Board's application fee from \$150.00 to \$300.00 and the Zoning Board's application fee from \$75.00 to \$150.00, as recommended by the Village Clerk. 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 Seehausen made a motion to have an ordinance drawn up by the Village Attorney increasing the fines for all parking tickets as recommended by Police Chief Richard Stultz. 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 Honea made a motion to permit the Fire Department to bypass standard Village practices for payment of grant expenses, as requested by Fire Chief Al Martinez. 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 approve approving the final pay request of Merts Heating and Air Conditioning for the work performed through the Energy Efficiency Grant awarded to the Village, as requested by Project Manager Roger Mumford. 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 Peterson made a motion to accept the proposal for collection services from RMI Collections. 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 Honea made a motion to approve the temporary business license application of Master Fence at 12 East 34th Place, pending inspections. 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 Honea made a motion to approve the temporary business license application of Steger Fruit Market at 3218 Chicago Road Unit B, pending inspections. 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 temporary business license application of Augie's Doggies at 3804 Union Avenue, pending inspections. 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 a request from Pace to advertise alcoholic beverage products on bus shelters. 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 Peterson made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce for the following dates for its 2011 events:

Village Wide Garage Sale	June 3 & 4
Steger Summer Faire & Carnival	June 23 through 26
Okotber Fest	September 17 & 18
Christmas on the Boulevard	November 26 through January 1

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve The Chamber's request for liquor licenses for;

Steger Summer Faire	June 23 through 26 from noon to 1am
Oktober Fest	September 17 & 18 from noon to 11:59pm

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 Honea made a motion to approve the Chamber's request that the Village waive the Garage Sale Permit fees for the Village Wide Garage sale. 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 that the Village advertise for bids on certain surplus vehicles Building Dept. van and two Police squads.) Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk is authorized to use the on line auction service as has been the previous practice with surplus vehicles. 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 approve the request of Police Chief Stultz to use the Village meeting room on Friday, February 25th for Officer training on Illinois Vehicle Code inclusive of trucks and overweight regulations. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson discussed KMR Trucking LLC's hours of operation. Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive approached the Board. Ms. Platopoulos' home is directly across the street from KMR Trucking. Ms. Platopoulos stated that the trucks are starting their engines at 3am, the sounds of the diesel engines are disruptive to the neighborhood. Ms. Platopoulos recommended that KMR be required to construct a sound barrier fence. Trustee Honea asked Ed Myers of Code Enforcement to put together a proposal for resolution of the problem. Trustee Peterson suggested a meeting with the residents to review the proposal once it has been compiled. Trustee Peterson suggested Industrial Park hours of operation should be discussed especially as they apply to companies whose operations may disrupt the neighborhood.

Trustee Peterson has been in discussion with the advisor for MedVoc regarding TIF money and the owner of the property. Trustee Peterson requested the assistance of Village Attorney Frank Burkey to draft an Inducement Resolution for the next meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the item until the March 7, 2011 Board meeting. 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 approve the February 21, 2011 recurring bills 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk read the following announcements:

There will be a Public Hearing regarding the Application for the Community Development Block Grant Program on Monday, February 7, 2011 following the Regular Board Meeting.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Wednesday February 9th in the Village Hall Meeting Room at 6pm.

There will be no Board Meeting on Monday, February 21st in observance of the President's Day Holiday.

The Village Hall will be closed on February 21st.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Project Manager Roger Mumford stated that Energy Efficiency Grant work has been completed and that Cook County was very satisfied with Merts' performance and that of the Village.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers informed the Board that the Dialysis Center has passed all of its Village and State inspections. Code Enforcement is waiting for direction from the Board regarding the Business License of the Dialysis Center.

Village Attorney Burkey reported that he and Trustee Peterson have contacted Manco Developers and requested a meeting for Thursday January 6th. They have not heard back yet. Mr. Burkey hopes to finalize the Manco Development agreement at that meeting. Mr. Burkey advised Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers to wait until after Thursday's meeting with Manco for direction regarding the business license.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to go into the CDBG Hearing. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. 8:05pm

Village Attorney Frank Burkey took over the meeting to discuss the CDBG application. (minutes attached) Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. 8:05pm

Trustee Peterson made a motion to close the CDBG application hearing. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. 8:11pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Peterson moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 PM

Temporary Chairperson Acting on
Behalf of Louis Sherman

Thomas E. Seehausen

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk