

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 March, 2011 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. presiding.

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 Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers and Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox.

The Village Clerk entertained a motion to appoint a temporary chairperson in the absence of the Village President. Trustee Kozy made a motion to appoint Trustee Tom Seehausen as temporary chairperson. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Honea moved that the reading of the February 7th Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson moved that the reading of the February 7th CDBG Hearing 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 the recent "Kare 4 Kody" spaghetti dinner and fundraiser was a great success. More than \$36,000 was raised to benefit the family. Many donations were received from local residents and businesses. The event was held at Columbia Central School on Saturday, February 26th.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson invited Sergeant Ruff and Detective Fajman to stand and be recognized. On May 10, 2010 a vehicle accident resulted in the death of a five year old boy. In February of 2011 the driver was found guilty of two counts of aggravated driving while under the influence of alcohol and is now awaiting sentencing. Sergeant Ruff and Detective Fajman provided extensive witness testimony at the trial and found to be reliable, credible witnesses. They are to be commended for their expertise in bringing this case to a successful conclusion. Also to be commended are Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Fire Captain James Baine and ESDA Director Roger

Mumford. Their service at the scene led to a text book investigation leading to a successful conclusion to the tragic incident.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Bloom Trail Band Director Benjamin Helton to hold a 5k Run/Walk in the Village of Steger on Saturday, May 14, 2011 pending Roger Mumford's approval of the safest route for the race. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson reported that the Economic Development Committee will meet at the Village Hall on March 22nd at 7pm.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that the Basketball season is winding down and has seen many successes. Basketball camps will be held at the Community Center during the months of March, April and May. Interested participants should contact Gerald Stewart.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in February 2011 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired nine (9) water mains. Trustee Seehausen also thanked Public Works for an excellent job removing the snow.

BILLS

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

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for February 2011 which was \$194,197.89.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of February 2011, which was \$36,970.24.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$ 45,254.11	December 2010
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$ 24,979.07	December 2010
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 70,045.34	September 2010
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 52,715.34	October 2010
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	November 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	December 2010-Delay
LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 10,904.88	January 2011
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 22,550.40	January 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 21,294.79	January 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 16,895.79	January 2011
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 549.00	January 2011
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,108.03	November 2010

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the intergovernmental agreement from School District 1094 in regards to Policing of School District Properties. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion that the Board look into a 2011 Summer Band and review Band Director Candice Haldeman's proposal upon receipt. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 664-4REVISING BUILDING PERMIT FEES. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 850-1REGULATING SIGNS
Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1009 AMENDING SEC. 9.1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 986 RELATING TO THE FINE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF VEHICULAR STANDING, PARKING AND COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS AND ADDING SECTION 9.2 PENALTY COMPROMISE PAYMENT. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to table consideration of the Amnesty Program, so that a representative of the Police Department can further explain the program to the Board. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the business license application of A-1 Trophies and Awards Unlimited, Inc. at 3419 Chicago Road. No inspections will be required. License Application is due to name change only. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

After Discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Thomas Smith to start a Spring Co-Ed Flag Football program using the site of the former Central School. Trustee Lopez stated that approval from the Recreation Board and School District 194 were contingent upon approval the Village Board. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

The Clerk discussed the results of the February 2011 Auction of surplus vehicles with Obenauf Auctions.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Matt and Donna Wenzel of the Dixie Highway Committee regarding the Drivin' the Dixie route. Mr. Wenzel also requested that 32nd Street be used as westbound only for the 2 or 3 hours of the event so that it can be used for parking and reduce traffic in the area. Mr. Wenzel also requested 5-6 picnic tables to be used at Dari Whip during the event and Drivin' the Dixie banners placed at Dari Whip and at Bambino's for the event. The proposed route takes drivers from Dixie Highway to 32nd Street to Emerald Avenue to 33rd Street and back onto Dixie Highway to 34th Street to Hopkins, past the Community Center and Veterans Park back out to Dixie Highway. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to disapprove the request of Wayne Tatkus of U.S. Express Mart for a zoning variance to allow for consumption of beer and wine on the premises at 45 East 34th Street. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Cook County Clerk David Orr use the Fire Station on Emerald Avenue, Fire Department Headquarters on Lewis Avenue and the Village Hall as Polling Places on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Village Engineer Joe Schudt presented the Trustees with a letter to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District regarding the I & I annual spending credit. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the letter to Thorn Creek. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to allow the Temporary Chairperson to sign the letter to Thorn Creek as requested by Village Engineer Joe Schudt. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried. Village Attorney Burkey will contact the Village President and designate an individual to be authorized to sign on the President's behalf until his return.

Trustee Peterson announced the date of the Economic Development Committee's next meeting is March 28th, not the 22nd as earlier reported.

Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive approached the Board and requested a meeting date to be set between herself, other neighbors of the Sandy Ridge area, KMR Trucking, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers and Trustee Peterson. A date will be decided between the parties following the meeting's conclusion.

Chairperson Seehausen wished a speedy recovery to Village President Lou Sherman on behalf of the Board and the Village residents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Peterson moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 PM

Temporary Chairperson Acting on
Behalf of Louis Sherman

Thomas E. Seehausen

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk