

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 4<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 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, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stutz Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers, Public Works Superintendent Bill Cox and Community Center Director Diane Rossi.

The Village Clerk entertained a motion to appoint a temporary chairperson in the absence of the Village President. Trustee Peterson made a motion to appoint Trustee Tom Seehausen as temporary chairperson. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen took over the Chair.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Honea moved that the reading of the February 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. 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 HONEA'S REPORT**

Trustee Honea reported that in March, 2011 the Fire Department responded to seventy four (74) Ambulance calls and seventeen (17) Fire calls for a total of ninety one (91) calls.

Trustee Honea also stated that the Fire Department Auxiliary will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunter April 15 & 16. Registration forms are available at the Village Hall.

### **TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

The Economic Development Committee – no report

Trustee Peterson reported that a graffiti removal program has been recommended by the Steger Neighborhood Watch. Peterson also reported that there should be no more trouble at the Peoria house that has the source of many problems. Police and the Code Enforcement Departments have dealt with the problem.

**TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen reported that in March 2011 all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired five (5) water mains and four (4) water main valves. Seehausen also reported that one Public Works employee has received certification to provide the Village with mosquito abatement and eight (8) employees participated in a Bloodborne Pathogens workshop.

**BILLS**

Trustee Peterson made a motion approving the bills as listed for payment. 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.

**FIREMEN'S PAYROLL**

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Fire Department's First Quarter Payroll. 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.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for March 2011 which was \$187,356.61.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of March 2011, which was \$29,835.40.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$ 52,962.17	January 2011
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$ 19,218.69	January 2011
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 58,300.27	November 2010
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	December 2010-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	January 2011-Delay
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 1,609.11	Jan-Feb 2011
LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 17,167.17	February 2011
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 18,159.16	February 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 19,485.68	February 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 20,891.36	February 2011
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 359.00	February 2011
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 782.47	December 2010

Trustee Peterson 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, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement from School District 194 in regards to Policing of School District Properties. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Both Police Chief Stultz and Village Attorney Frank Burkey have approved the language in the agreement. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Chairperson Seehausen voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 850-1 REGULATING SIGNS. Village Attorney Frank Burkey commented that a provision for "free speech" signs is now included in the Ordinance. 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 approve RESOLUTION NO. 996 A Resolution Authorizing Continuing Membership In The Eastern Will Benefit Cooperative (formerly EWCCM). 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 Honea made a motion to approve the request of the American Legion Post 521 to borrow ten (10) picnic tables on July 23, 2011 for the Post's annual picnic. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to use fifteen (15) picnic tables on August 6, 2011 at Veterans Park. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Kim Armellino to solicit donations on the corner of Chicago Road and 34th Street on Saturday, April 23, 2011 to benefit "Autism Speaks." Trustee Honea also required that all solicitors wear safety vests and must be adults. She also asked that Armellino specify the hours she'll be soliciting. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to approve the request of Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers to hire two (2) laborers for the summer lawn maintenance crew. 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.

After discussion from Christie Ebert of the Steger Neighborhood Watch, Trustee Peterson made a motion to support the graffiti removal group, **Graffiti Erasers**. The Neighborhood Watch will solicit donations and provide volunteers to remove graffiti at no charge to the vandalized homeowner. Ebert asked that the Police Department distribute information to homeowners. Ebert also asked that Graffiti Erasers be added to the Village website. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson discussed business license renewal with the Board. Peterson suggested the business licenses be revised as annual licenses and have the Board approve each license as well as annual building, code and health safety inspections annually. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers asked that a committee be formed to review business license process and inspections. Trustee Peterson suggested that as part of the Economic Development Committee, he would like to be part of that committee and suggested Trustee Banicki of the Building Department join Code Enforcement and the Fire Department to form the committee. The Village Clerk's office will collect information from South Suburban Mayors and Managers regarding business license inspection processes and fees in surrounding villages.

Trustee Honea made a motion to proclaim May 2011 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" as requested by South Suburban A.B.A.T.E of Illinois. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of the Royal Oak Estate Homeowners Association to construct a subdivision monument, as they will build and maintain the monument themselves. Trustee Seehausen verified with Public Works Superintendent that the monument will not impede snow removal at the site. Michael Porter of the homeowners association verified that the location would be a minimum of one and a half feet off of the roadway. 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 Seehausen notified Mr. Porter that following the March 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting, he and Code Enforcement and the foreman of Public Works went to the Royal Oak area and inspected the manholes as requested by Mr. Porter. Trustee Seehausen reported that some manholes do need attention and the results of the inspection have been forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Works.

After discussion on installation of a "No through truck traffic", Trustee Peterson made a motion to allow South Chicago Heights to erect a sign on 30<sup>th</sup> Street and State Street westbound. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Champions4Children 5k walk/run will be held in Park Forest on May 14, 2011 to raise money for the La Rabida Joli Burrell CAC. Call 708-481-9799 ext. 232 to participate or make a donation.

The April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee has been canceled.

Consolidated Election will be Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Chuck Parris of Sherman Road approached the Board and asked for assistance with homes in his neighborhood that need cleaning. Parris states that abandoned buildings and junk have become a problem in the area. Trustee Seehausen asked that Code Enforcement look into the problem area and report back.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 PM**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk