

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 June, 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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. Trustees Lopez and Perchinski were 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, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the May 16th Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson read a letter from Patti McLeod of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary regarding the service of first responders and men and women of the armed services on September 11th, almost ten years ago. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Village representatives to sit on a committee with members of the American Legion and the VFW honoring the men and women who serve. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. Mayor Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson also read a Community Alert from the Police Department regarding a recent attack near Columbia Central School and Evergreen Cemetery. Anyone with information should contact the Steger Police Department.

Trustee Peterson also reported on a number of thefts from unlocked vehicles on June 6th. Peterson urged all residents to be vigilant and remember to keep their vehicles locked at all times.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in May 2011 all water samples came back as satisfactory from the Illinois EPA and in May the Water Department repaired three (3) water main breaks.

Trustee Seehausen announced that beginning Wednesday, June 8th the Dept. of Public Works will begin spraying for mosquitoes. The spraying will continue every other week on Wednesday and Thursday through the summer months, weather permitting.

Trustee Seehausen also announced that Public Works will pick up and chip branches downed in the weekend storms, beginning Wednesday, June 8th.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the Village's application for a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. Mayor Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki reported that in May the Building Department issued 48 new permits for total revenue of \$5,921.00.

BILLS

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

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for May 2011 which was \$200,032.68.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of May 2011, which was \$43,087.81.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$ 39,210.76	March 2011
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$ 25,116.18	March 2011
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$ 298.05	March 2011
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	January 2011 Delay
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	February 2011 Delay
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	March 2011-Delay
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 4,197.50	April 2011
LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 11,286.97	April 2011
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 19,976.67	April 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 15,198.06	April 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 16,872.89	April 2011
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 325.00	April 2011
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,263.19	February 2011

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; all ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District indicating no changes in the user charges for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table Consideration of TIF at the Scrementi Property until supporting documents are received. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Summer Band Director, Ed Fitzgerald to hold the annual Summer Band Concert at the Village Gazebo on Friday, July 22nd at 11am. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Ron Yartz from Cub Scout Pack 100, to hold a cook out and Rain Gutter Regatta at Veterans Park on Friday, June 17th from 6:30 to 9pm. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the request from Fire Chief Al Martinez to purchase three 25 foot vacant lots just north of Fire Station #1 at a cost of \$20,000 plus \$4,215.00 for back taxes. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the agreement with DME Access, Inc. for Planned Maintenance visits for the Fire Department Lift. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve a partial payment to Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$82,064.13, as recommended by Village Engineer Joe Schudt. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Mary Beth Stout of Steger Evening Kiwanis Club to use the Village Meeting room Saturday, June 11th at 10am for its annual Little Miss Peanut Contest. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request Steve Thurmond of Cub Scouts troops 100 and 173 to use the parking lot at Steger Commons for a car wash in conjunction with the Drivin' the Dixie event on June 18 from 10am to 4pm. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Steve Thurmond's suggestion to institute "Doing Your Best for Steger Pride", a youth program to promote self-accomplishment among Steger's youth. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request from The American Legion Post 521 use eight (8) picnic tables on Sunday, August 14th at their location. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that the meeting of the finance committee has been canceled for Wednesday, June 8th.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Meredith Horn of 22805 State Street approached the Board and expressed concern that a property adjacent to her property might be used commercially. The Village Clerk advised Ms. Horn that a business would need a zoning variance or change to operate in a residentially zoned neighborhood. It was suggested that Ms. Horn contact the village periodically to check on the zoning status of the property to address her concerns.

Steve Thurmond advised the Board that proceeds from the Cub Scout's carwash will be donated to the fireworks fund.

Harry Hammock of Steger Recreation Baseball approached the Board with concerns regarding Veterans Park. Mr. Hammock stated that lights are out in the parking lot. He also stated that a number of youth are loitering in the park and causing trouble for baseball players, coaches and spectators. Chief Stultz stated that he is aware of the problem. He stated that the children are 11-14 years old and are released to their parents after being brought into the police station. Mr. Hammock asked that the lights in the park be repaired/replaced so that everyone can be safer at the park. The Clerk advised Mr. Hammock that he will look into the lights right away. Hammock offered a baseball game schedule to Supt. of Public Works. Chief Stultz stated that the Police arrested three youth after midnight who were breaking out windows in cars in the immediate area of the park.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:25pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-to discuss litigation and property acquisition

The Board returned from Executive Session and reconvened the Board meeting at 7:54pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk