

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 1st day of August, 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, Lopez and Perchinski. Trustees Peterson 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 and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the July 18th Appropriation Hearing minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski moved that the reading of the July 18th Board Meeting minutes be dispensed with and accepted with one change. Trustee Perchinski requested the minutes reflect Jeff Bowman's block party conclude by midnight, not "whenever". Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki had no report, but deferred to Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers. Meyers reported that in July the Building Department issued 48 new permits for total revenue of \$5,787.00. There were 48 Building inspections and 52 re occupancy inspections for total revenue of \$2,600.00. Code Enforcement responded to 58 complaint calls, wrote 5 C-tickets and 15 A/O tickets. Trustee Banicki inquired of the issues recently brought to the Board's attention regarding certain addresses on Hopkins. Meyers informed Trustee Banicki that citations have been written and court days assigned.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in July all water samples came back satisfactory from the ILEPA and ten water main breaks were repaired. Trustee Seehausen also reported that mosquito spraying every other week on Wednesday and Thursday will continue through the summer months.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy deferred to ESDA Director Roger Mumford. Director Mumford reported that in July, ESDA provided 928 hours of service that included accident assistance, weekend patrols and trainings. ESDA is now patrolling from 6pm to 2am on weekends to assist the Police Department.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez deferred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Ms. Rossi reported that in July, approximately 1,000 people used the Community Center fitness facilities. Ms. Rossi reported that many programs are set to start soon and that many summer activities are continuing. The Library recently held a pot luck at the Community Center.

The WiFi system will be installed August 5th at the Community Center as approved at the July 18th Board meeting.

Trustee Lopez asked that Joe Formentini of the Recreation Board report. Mr. Formentini congratulated Harry Hammock's baseball team for qualifying for the World Series in Lafayette, IN, where they will be one of five teams representing the United States. Trustee Lopez stated that it is traditional that each team in the World Series presents its opponents with a gift. Trustee Lopez has been in contact with the Chicago White Sox for a donation of White Sox memorabilia to share with opponents. The audience congratulated the team on their accomplishments.

Formentini also reported that Steger's 18 and under girls softball team won the Land of Lincoln tournament in Kankakee. The audience applauded the girls for their victory.

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski reported the Firefighter's annual Street Dance will be held on Saturday, August 27th at the Fire Station Headquarters at 3320 Lewis Avenue. The Morgan Street Band and Country Roads Band will perform. A beer garden will be featured.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson was absent. Police Chief Stultz reported that a two man tactical unit has been on patrol. In six shifts, the tactical unit has written 25 citations, 17 A/O citations, 24 traffic stops, 1 moving violation, 5 warrants, 2 misdemeanors, 1 vehicle impound, and made 55 contacts. Chief Stultz explained that contacts are warnings or stops to break up potential problem situations. Citations were issued for littering in the park, walking in the middle of the roadway and violating the Village's new park curfew ordinance. The Patrol Division had 618 calls for service. There were 31 state tickets, 18 arrests and 23 local ordinance citations.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the bills for payment as listed when funds are available with one change. Trustee Seehausen asked that the payment to M & J Underground be changed to \$64,118.36 and held until paper work is received from the contractor for the work on the Miller Woods Culverts. Project Manager Roger Mumford explained that the change will reflect retainage of 10%.

Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk explained that the Collector's Report has been delayed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table An Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Steger for traffic signals maintenance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1017 AMENDING SECTION 9.1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1009 RELATING TO THE FINE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF VEHICULAR STANDING, PARKING AND COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1000 AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH M. LIZEN FOR PROPERTY DONATION. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Bloom Township Supervisor T.J. Somer for a donation to the Bloom Township Senior Picnic to be held August 4th at Bloom Township Veterans Memorial Park. Trustee Seehausen's motion determined the donation to be \$200.00 as in the past. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Project Manager Roger Mumford's suggestion to hire C.R. Blonquist to remove dirt and damaged culvert pipes between Lewis Avenue and Loverock at a cost of \$3,575.00 to alleviate flooding at 33rd Street and Hopkins area. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the

following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the street improvement on 30th Street from Sandy Ridge to State Street in cooperation with the Village of South Chicago Heights. Steger will be responsible for 30% of the projected cost of \$100,000. The \$30,000 will come from the Village's Public benefit fund. South Chicago Heights will manage the project and Steger Project Manager Roger Mumford will provide the specifications for the project. South Chicago Heights Mayor Owen has also offered to conduct a meeting of residents of both communities to discuss changing the name of Steger's 30th Street and South Chicago Heights' 34th Street to alleviate some of the confusion emergency vehicles experience because the one street has two names. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to allow parking on the west sides of Lewis Avenue and Louis Sherman Drive in the industrial park to accommodate parking for the Fire Fighter Association's Street Dance on August 27th from 4pm to 1am. Trustee Perchinski stated that School District #194 Superintendent has offered use of Eastview School parking lot for the event. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the request from Rachael Bellman of Family Fun Circus to bring the circus to Veterans Park for a two day event September 9 & 10, 2011. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to hold an Antique and Custom Car Show on Wednesdays at Steger Commons Parking lot. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to increase the liquor license application fee by \$50.00 to include the cost of the applicant's fingerprint screening by the Illinois State Police. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary requesting use of the Village Hall Meeting Room on November 6, 2011 from noon to 5pm for their District Meeting. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request from Senior Services of Will County for financial support. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. The Village will contribute \$250.00. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to loan St. Liborius picnic tables for its Parish Picnic on September 11th. The Parish has requested 24 tables. The Village will loan the Parish as many tables as are available for that date. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the request of Frank Briggs of Midwest Midways to change the company name to Modern Midways, Inc. without further fees and inspections. Perchinski's motion died for lack of a second.

After discussion, Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen and Kozy. Trustees Lopez and Perchinski voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table an extended Temporary business license for Sam Auto Repair until the reason for the delay of the inspection process can be determined. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that citations for Vehicle sticker noncompliance will be going in the mail shortly. Anyone not displaying their current sticker will be ticketed. It is suggested that everyone purchase stickers right away.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Joe Formentini announced that in October, Kmart will conduct a Safety weekend. He asked for participation from the Steger Police, Fire and ESDA Departments as in the past. Trustee Perchinski asked that he return with more details at the next meeting.

Formentini also thanked Chief Stultz for the progress made at Veterans Park by the Police Department.

David Theiman, new Superintendent of School District #194 introduced himself to the Board.

A resident approached the Board expressing gratitude for the steps being taken by the Police Department to clean up and prevent vandalism.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33PM

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk