

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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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, Peterson and Perchinski. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Public Works Superintendent Bill Cox and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the August 1st minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki reported that between August 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Building Department issued 27 new building permits and Code Enforcement responded to 37 complaints and issued 600 C class tickets for Vehicle Sticker violations.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT**

Trustee Lopez deferred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Ms Rossi stated that the Community Center's WiFi is now installed. Ms. Rossi also reported that dance classes, tumble bears and karate are set to begin soon and registration is now underway. The Community Center will remain open until 8pm in September. Saturday hours will continue as long as members continue to take advantage of the hours.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson announced the next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be 7pm on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Trustee Peterson also reported that the Police Department has three new part time officers; Brian Smith, Thomas Lacheta and John Napoleon. Trustee Peterson and Chief Stultz clarified that John Napoleon is in training at this time and that training is reimbursed by Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standard Board and all participants must be sponsored by a Police Department.

### **TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Perchinski deferred to Fire Chief Martinez. Chief Martinez reported that Mike Long, Beth Vlahakis and Deputy Chief Jeff Roesner attended and passed the Fire Service Vehicle Operators driving test. Chief Martinez announced that the Fire Department has acquired all necessary radios to meet with the FCC mandates. The Fire Department has a credit with St. James Medical Center for physicals for its members as part of a FEMA grant.

The house at 330 Sauk Trail has been donated to the Fire Department for training purposes. The Fire Department has begun the application process for necessary permits.

Firefighters are continuing preparations for their annual street dance on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Fire Department still plans to acquire the property north of the Fire Department Headquarters and install a burn training tower as well as additional parking on the site.

The Department will submit a request for \$400,000 for a fire engine, \$58,000 for two heart monitors and will research the cost of a portable burn tower, as part of a regional grant.

The SAFER grant application by the Fire Department was denied.

A \$650,000 grant will be applied for - the grant period opened August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Fire Department is waiting on specifications for the asphalt work to be completed At the Fire Headquarters Drive.

Chief Martinez intends to continue working towards grants. He also stated that volunteer firefighters are always needed.

Trustee Perchinski encourages all to participate in the Fire Department Street Dance and raffle. Trustee Perchinski displayed a lithograph by a local artist depicting the First Responders at Ground Zero on 9/11 that will be part of the Fire Department raffle.

Police Chief Stultz reported that a person has been arrested for ten counts of felony indecent exposure.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to hold Invoice #711171 for Joe Schudt and Associates in the amount of \$442.20 until the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting so that the Board can better understand the work related to the bill. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the remaining bills for payment as listed as all Trustees have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for July 2011 which was \$202,069.84.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of July 2011, which was \$35,476.01.

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

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| MUNICIPAL SALES TAX   | \$46,429.25 | May 2011       |
| TELECOMMUNICATION TAX | \$29,227.88 | May 2011       |
| STATE INCOME TAX      | \$40,967.13 | February 2011  |
| STATE INCOME TAX      | \$70,477.11 | March 2011     |
| STATE INCOME TAX      | \$0.00      | APR 2010-DELAY |
| STATE INCOME TAX      | \$0.00      | MAY 2010-DELAY |
| REPLACEMENT TAX       | \$3,894.41  | May-June 2011  |
| LOCAL USE TAX         | \$11,542.20 | June 2011      |
| MOTOR FUEL TAX        | \$18,235.46 | June 2011      |
| UTILITY REVENUE       | \$18,686.78 | June 2011      |
| UTILITY REVENUE       | \$7,785.06  | June 2011      |
| WILL COUNTY FINES     | \$465.00    | June 2011      |
| COOK COUNTY FINES     | \$853.15    | April 2011     |
| COOK COUNTY FINES     | \$100.00    | MAY 2011       |

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Banicki. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the business license of Sam Auto Repair at 3308 Union Avenue, as all inspections were completed and approved August 3, 2011. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to request a proposal from Call One for review regarding the Cost Saving Analysis recently presented to the Village. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to give Joe Schudt the authority to draw on the letter of credit of the 3760 Corporation if he is not satisfied that the things that need to be completed are completed and that the funds be there by October of this year. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to ratify the August 4th Board action waiving the Building Permit fee for the Steger South Chicago Heights Library's parking lot project. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the Illinois Public Act 097-0236 - Crime Free Rental Housing Act. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance for a registration system for Scrappers. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table a discussion on increasing maximums for nuisance fines. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a twenty one day extension for Tim Glass of Glass Tap's temporary business license. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Mary Beth Stout of Steger Kiwanis to partner with the village in the expense of renting a tent to be used at the Chamber of Commerce's October Fest on September 17th & 18th. The Chamber of Commerce anticipates that the cost to the Village will be \$131.00.

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

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Dara Erickson of the Critter Crew to place a paper retriever recycling bin in the Village Hall parking lot. Proceeds would benefit the Critter Crew. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve recurring bills for payment as there will be no Board meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Clerk announced that the Village Hall will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day holiday.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Joe Schudt, Village Engineer stated that a bid opening will be later this month and may require a Board action prior to the next Board meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Butch Brown requested that the Scrappers' registration require scrapper trucks to be out of the neighborhoods after dark or all scrap materials removed before returning to neighborhood for the night.

Carol of Barbara Lane asked that Public Works weed wack the creek in her neighborhood. She stated that the mowing of the creek looks great, but needs some attention. Superintendent Bill Cox assured her that he'll take care of it.

Julie Stone of Hopkins inquired of the progress by Blonquist Excavating to clear the dirt pile causing flooding in her neighborhood. Engineer Joe Schudt explained to Mrs. Stone that he will investigate the progress of the work and she may contact him for further scheduling details.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:26pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:02pm, Trustee Kozy made a motion to reconvene the meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:03 PM**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk