

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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 Peterson. Trustee Perchinski was absent. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, ESDA Director Roger Mumford and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the November 7<sup>th</sup> 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 invited Police Officers Brian Smith and John Presley and Police Chief Stultz to be recognized. Trustee Peterson explained that Officer Smith has initiated a program to train Police Officers' spouses in the proper use of firearms. Trustee Peterson reported that the Chicago Heights Moose Lodge has donated the use of its gun range for the project. Officer Presley, firearms instructor, volunteered his time to the project. Officer Presley is a recipient of the Honor Award by the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum for his unselfish contribution. Officer Presley was congratulated by the Board and the audience. Officer Presley stated that it was his honor to participate.

Chief Stultz reported that the Police Department received a grant from Will County in the amount of \$10, 624.00 which has been turned over to the Village to offset the cost of dispatcher salaries.

**TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT**

Trustee Lopez deferred to Diane Rossi, Community Center Director. Mrs. Rossi reported that the Community Center will hold its annual Senior Holiday luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Mrs. Rossi stated that she has received donations to help provide a holiday party for the children, as well. The Children's party will be held December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm at a cost of \$2.00 per child. The Community Center will be closed November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. Both Volleyball and Basketball registrations have been extended.

### **TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy deferred to ESDA Director Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that A punch list has been prepared for necessary improvements at Gabriella Estates which will be forwarded to the proper bank authorities. Mr. Mumford is in the process of preparing a punch list for Southtown Commons, as requested by Trustee Peterson. Mr. Mumford also states that is working with Iroquois Paving to get the crosswalks and stop lines marked before winter on the CDBG job. Mr. Mumford is working on marking trees that are to be trimmed or removed.

As ESDA Director, Mumford is working to get all members trained in NIMS, updating communications for narrow band, searching out grants for outdoor warning system, attending Homeland Security meetings and working in SMART jurisdiction.

Mr. Mumford also stated that ESDA and the Fire Department will be holding a Twilight Parade on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the parade. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

None

### **TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki brought to the Board's attention that the property at 3623 Union Avenue is in a condition that will require demolition. Trustee Banicki has spoken with Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers and Attorney Frank Burkey about the demolition process. Trustee Banicki deferred to Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers. Mr. Burkey will have the 15 day Notice of Demolition prepared and if necessary, an Ordinance will be prepared for the December 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Legal fees would be billed separate from Mr. Burkey's retainer. The Community Development Block Grant would absorb the cost of a demolition.

Mr. Myers has been talking to the Cook County Health Department regarding a problem on Lisa Lane. He also stated that at an illegal fire on 227<sup>th</sup> Street, asbestos was found.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to hold the ComEd electric bill for \$306.69. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. After discussion on the bill which is for a street light on private property at 377 Columbia Circle, roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the bills for payment as funds allow. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from Al Martinez retiring from his position of Fire Chief for the Steger Fire Department effective March 31, 2012. Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the appointment by the Mayor of Al Martinez as Fire Chief through March 31, 2012. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table discussion on changing the Village water meter reading system to “radio reads” as requested by Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the proposal from Michael Furrer of AmAudit regarding Utility Tax Collection Auditing until the Village Attorney can review the AmAudit proposal. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1006 PROCLAIMING NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION MONTH AS DECEMBER 2011. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Business License application of Terry Lamastus Country Financial Insurance at 3308 Chicago Road. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Cub Scout Pack 173 to use the Community Center January 14th from 2pm until January 15th at noon for a “lock in”. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Steger Fire and Police Board's request to use the Village Meeting room Wednesday July 11, 2012. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of the Dixie Highway Communities Committee to use the Veterans Park Pavilion for The Driving the Dixie event Saturday June 16, 2012. The Committee also requests use of the restroom facilities during the event from 10am to 2:30pm. The Committee also requests that no baseball games or practices be held Saturday June 16th between 11am and 2pm and that the Community Center be open from 11am to 2pm to be showcased during the event and used for cooling center and additional restrooms. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Results of the November 14, 2011 bid opening for the M.Lizen Building-no bids were received. After discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion to table indefinitely, a decision on the M. Lizen Building. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table consideration of the electrical bills at Hecht Park incurred by Little League and the labor/materials required for a roof repair at the park. Attorney Burkey assured the Board that those people making roof repairs at the park would be covered by the Village's insurance. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion to table. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

As requested by ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Trustee Peterson made a motion to allow ESDA to use the services of Part Time Patrol Officer Brian Smith to train ESDA personnel in the use of pepper spray, handcuffs, asp baton and subject take down. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve a proposal from Merts for the replacement of the furnace at the ESDA building. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A CDBG Public Performance Hearing November 21st at 7:20pm

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Jim Herr asked about Yard Waste restrictions with Allied Waste. He was informed that Yard Waste can be disposed of using brown biodegradable bags, your own container marked "yard waste" or a can may be obtained from Allied.

Joe Formentini thanked the Police and Fire Departments and ESDA for their participation in Kmart's Safety Weekend.

Debbie Page of Barbara Lane expressed concerns over recent thefts and vandalism in her neighborhood and especially at her home. The police advised her that it would be helpful for her to post “no trespassing” signs. The signs will allow the police to arrest anyone trespassing on her property. Chief Stultz added that the suspected perpetrators live so close to her home, they are able to damage her property and return home before getting caught. The Police will step up patrols in the area.

**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 7:50PM**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk