

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 19<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 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 and Warren Opperman, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Police Chief Richard Stultz and Public Works Superintendent Bill Cox.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the December 5<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 PERCHINSKI'S REPORT**

Trustee reported that Firefighters' Association hosted Snacks with Santa and Mrs. Claus for all Village Employees on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Firefighter Melissa Garcia graduated from EMT school December 19<sup>th</sup>.

All Department paramedics did an in-service for the new interosteus drill. When a patient has to have an IV, the department paramedics can now drill directly into bone to administer fluids and medications.

Trustee Perchinski thanked all the volunteers who recently participated in the Christmas basket delivery program.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson stated that the Economic Development Committee will meet on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and all invited to attend.

Trustee Peterson asked that "disposal of weapons" be included on the next Board Meeting agenda.

Trustee Peterson commended Police Detective Carol Kozinski for her efforts in a recent police matter regarding Robert Deja. Kozinski is commended for her expertise, diligence and compassion in the handling of this sensitive investigation. Trustee Peterson also acknowledged and thanked Officer Jake Kozinski of the South Chicago Heights Police Department States Attorney Dan Weiss and Investigator Tony Carroll for their contributions in this difficult case.

Chief Stultz reported that all of the children involved in this case were placed in shelters and foster homes. Detective Kozinski is accepting donations to see that these children have something for Christmas. Donations should be forwarded to her.

### **TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT**

Trustee Lopez deferred to Diane Rossi, Community Center Director. Mrs. Rossi reported that the Community Center's annual Senior Holiday luncheon was December 8<sup>th</sup>. 125 seniors participated. Mrs. Rossi stated that holiday party for the children was held December 16<sup>th</sup> for about 100 children. Mrs. Rossi thanked all the generous people who donated to make the parties possible. She thanked Patty Buonadona for having secured donations of hot dogs, buns, chips, pop and prizes from vendors at the Jewel Food Store.

Joe Formentini of the Recreation Board reported that flyers will be distributed to the schools for softball registration. Volleyball registration is ongoing and will begin playing the first of the year.

Trustee Lopez wished all a Happy Holiday.

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

Trustee Kozy deferred to ESDA Director Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that ESDA personnel are currently training in NIMS. ESDA is preparing its fleet of vehicles for the coming winter weather.

Mr. Mumford stated that ESDA is working with Will County for a mutual aid radio repeater frequency system for all ESDA agencies in the area.

Mr. Mumford thanked all participants in the recent Santa parade and the Twilight parade.

The ditch between Loverock and Lewis has been repaired and the AT&T lines have been buried beneath the ditch.

Mr. Mumford has been working with Code Enforcement regarding a flooding issue in Miller Woods. He has also been preparing a list of streets in need of improvements for the Mayor to review. Trustee Seehausen asked that Mr. Mumford inspect Durham Drive and possibly include it on list for repair.

Trustee Kozy wished all Happy Holidays.

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

Trustee Seehausen deferred to Superintendent of Public Works. Bill Cox reported that a couple of main breaks and a main valve have recently been repaired.

Mr. Cox stated that he was informed by a resident of an emerald ash borer found in a tree at his home on 227<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Cox will meet with the homeowner on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December to determine a course of action. Project Manager Roger Mumford added that grants are available for the replacement of the diseased trees, but not for their removal.

Trustee Seehausen asked Supt. Cox to repair or replace the curb on Hereford before snow plowing begins.

Trustee Seehausen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

Trustee Banicki deferred to Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers. Mr. Meyers reported that in November the Building Department issued 43 new permits \$8,829.56. The Code Enforcement office completed three health inspections, 37 re occupancy inspections. Final outside work is just about complete on the new home at 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Emerald Avenue. Code Enforcement spent 3 hours of court time and wrote 70 c tickets and 6 A/O tickets.

Trustee Banicki wished everyone Happy Holidays.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to pay the bills as listed, as funds are available. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. The 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 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:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1027 AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF DEMOLITION AGAINST A DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE BUILDING, subject to CDBG funding for the demolition. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1008 TO INCLUDE COMPENSATION PAID UNDER AND INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 125 PLAN AS IMRF EARNINGS. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Martinez to waive the normal fees for garage sale permits and allow the Fire Department to charge participants for spaces at the Village-wide Garage Sale at Fire Station No. 1. The garage sale will be held Saturday, April 7, 2012. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion of KMR Trucking's business license, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the reconsideration so that KMR owners can attend the Village Board meeting. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Area resident Layne Marino explained that the Trucking company's hours of operation are late at night and early in the morning and they are noisy and disruptive to neighbors. David Zerante, attorney for KMR, explained that his client would like to be present for this discussion and asked to have it discussed at another time, when he could be present. Trustee Peterson asked that Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers work with the business regarding possible solutions.

The owner of Bridgewood Piping came forward and explained that his business does plumbing and sewer work and in the winter snow plowing. The hours of operation are generally 9am to 5pm. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the business license application of Bridgewood Piping at 3218 Chicago Road, Unit C pending inspections. 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Hall offices will be closed Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holidays.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Roxanne Post approached the board and stated that she lives "on the Industrial Park" and has for 15 years. She expressed her desire to keep businesses in town to help keep homeowners' taxes down. She stated that she's had no problem co existing with businesses in the Industrial Park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35pm. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:06pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the change to the work policy. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**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 8:07PM**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk