

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 2nd day of January, 2012 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: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustee Banicki was absent. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the 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

None

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that in December all samples taken came back from ILEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired four main breaks and replaced one fire hydrant in the month of December.

BILLS

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

FIREMEN’S PAYROLL

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Firemen’s Payroll for the fourth quarter. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR’S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for December 2011 which was \$239,303.70.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of December 2011, which was \$29,786.47.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector’s Report for December 2011:

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$47,619.32	October 2011
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$25,008.98	October 2011
STATE INCOME TAX	\$50,913.16	July 2011
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Aug. 2011-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Sept. 2011-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Oct. 2011-DELAY
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 939.53	Oct-Nov 2011
LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 8,983.07	November 2011
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$21,593.49	November 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$15,294.62	November 2011
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 6,345.86	November 2011
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 370.00	November 2011
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 567.06	September 2011
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 190.96	October 2011

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Reconsideration of KMR Trucking’s business license. (tabled December 19, 2011)
Trustee Peterson reported that a meeting was held prior to the Board meeting. Two of the three largest issues were resolved; the light issue and the noise of “banging” trucks. Trustee Peterson stated that the remaining problem is the low frequency noise of the running diesel engines at early morning hours. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers is to investigate the possible use of a sound barrier fence. Trustee

Peterson made a motion to table the discussion until the next Board Meeting (February 6, 2012). Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Kral approached the Board to discuss his client, Michelle Foreman's desire to open a sports bar & grill at 3215 Union Avenue. Ms. Foreman's purchase of the property is contingent upon the Class 8 Tax incentive. Trustee Peterson expressed concern that the tax incentive be to Ms. Foreman's corporation alone and that if later the property goes to another corporation, the Board would re-examine the tax incentive. After discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1009 AUTHORIZING CLASS 8 TAX INCENTIVES FOR CERTAIN PARCELS (3215 Union Ave.) for a corporation owned by Michelle Foreman. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the proposal of T & T Business Solutions for a copier for the Village Hall for 60 months at \$141.00 per month. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. The contract will have the clause that requires the Village to return the copier at the end of the contract term to T & T, either limited to within a 75 mile radius or removed from the contract. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Matt Wenzel, of the Dixie Dash, to have the parking lot in the southwest corner of Veterans Park blocked off for the event until 2pm so that it can be reserved for Dash participants. He also requested that parking on Phillips and 36th Street be allowed from 11 am to 2pm on the day of the event, but will limit parking to one side or the other for the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Village Engineer Joe Schudt for payment to M & J Underground for MFT work performed on the Miller Woods Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of \$7,124.26. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Cook County Clerk David Orr to use the Fire Department Headquarters on Lewis Avenue and the Village Hall as Polling Places on March 20, 2012 from 5am to 9pm. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Richard Stultz to have certain weapons in Evidence Storage disposed of in accordance with the Federal Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Misericordia to hold its annual Jelly Belly Candy Days fundraising event on Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28, 2012 at intersections in the Village. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Seehausen asked that Misericordia provide volunteers with safety vests.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Liberty Tax Service at 3334 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Board meeting and the Village Hall will be closed on January 16, 2012 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Allied Waste will begin service to the Village, as the residential garbage service provider, beginning this week (January 5th due to the Holiday schedule) and Wednesdays thereafter. Please use the “toters” that have been provided for this service.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Yvonne King of 3308 Wallace presented the Board with photos of a property next door to her property that is becoming problematic. Ms. King was told that Code Enforcement will follow up on the situation.

William Joyce commented that the alley behind the home at 34th & Wallace has a large pothole that is need of repair. Mayor Sherman advised Superintendent of Public Works to inspect. Mr. Joyce also had questions about the new garbage service. He was told that he can use his own can for yard waste by applying “yard waste” sticker to the can. Paper bags are also allowed.

Steve Thurmond of *Doing Your Best for Steger Pride* will make its quarterly award at the next Board meeting, February 6, 2012.

Tot Bowen had questions for the Board regarding the new garbage service. Trustee Perchinski advised Ms. Bowen that all residents are required by Ordinance to have garbage service. Seniors get a \$2 per month discount and that the rate includes recycling, yard waste and street sweeping. Allied Waste will bill residents directly for the service.

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Trustee Seehausen made a motion pay the recurring bills as there will be no Board Meeting on January 16th. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

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 7:25pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk