

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, Warren Opperman of Village Engineer Joe Schudt's Office 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 Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki deferred to Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers. Mr. Myers reported that in March, the Building Department issued 30 permits for total revenue of \$3,879.00.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to hire two Steger residents to work as the grass cutting crew mowing vacant properties this summer. 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 SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen deferred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox gave the water report and stated that in March, Public Works repaired one water main break. Mr. Cox has asked the Village Engineer to prepare specifications for the repair of the water tower at Hecht Park on Morgan and 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Mr. Cox had the salt bin repaired and attended the annual water conference during the month. On April 3 and 4 two Public Works employees will attend a commercial pesticide training. Hydrant flushing will begin April 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue through the warm weather months. Residents are discouraged from doing laundry on Tuesdays. A notice of the hydrant flushing will be posted on the Village website. Trustee Perchinski recommended that signs be posted in the area where hydrant flushing is being conducted. Trustee Lopez thanked Mr. Cox for the great job his crew did in dragging the fields for girls' softball.

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

Trustee Kozy deferred to ESDA Coordinator Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that all ESDA units are now certified whether spotters.

Karstensen Electrical was in the Village today and repaired nine street lights. Capacitors that are needed in the park will be replaced as soon as they arrive from the manufacturer.

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

Trustee Lopez deferred to Diane Rossi, Community Center Director. Mrs. Rossi reported that plans are underway for the "Summer Club" including craft projects for the children. Summer Club will begin June 18<sup>th</sup> and run through August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Harry Hammock, Recreation Board President reported that nets will be installed at the softball field this weekend. Little League's Opening Day will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and kicks off with the annual parade. Softball and baseball are set to begin their seasons in the coming weeks. Mr. Hammock thanked public works for the fine job preparing the fields for the baseball and softball seasons.

### **TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson deferred to Police Chief Richard Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that in March the Police Department issued 41 A/O tickets, 54 Compliance tickets, 52 long form tickets, made 31 arrests and responded to 1,417 calls for service.

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

Trustee Perchinski thanked Chief Al Martinez for his service to the Village and providing a "good head of steam" for Chief Roesner to start his term as Chief.

Trustee Perchinski deferred to Chief Roesner for his report. Chief Roesner reported that in March the Fire Department responded to 98 calls; 88 ambulance, 10 fire.

There were 93 hours of training and two firefighters were certified as whether spotters.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the bills for payment as funds allow.

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.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Tom Joseph of the Main Street Realtors and discussed the Sign Ordinance to be voted on with the Board. Mr. Joseph expressed his wishes that the Real Estate and Temporary Signs be removed from the Ordinance.

Barbara Recupito of 3301 Florence Avenue asked the Board to consider an Ordinance banning all signs from being displayed at the Veterans Memorial. Mrs. Recupito expressed her feelings of disrespect to our Veterans by allowing “Garage Sale” signs and signs of any kind on, next to or behind the Veterans Memorial. Trustee Peterson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perchinski. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Hackel approached the Board and expressed his desire to see the Village’s Sign Ordinance revoked.

Robert Shieve of 3608 Chicago Road discussed the Village garbage service with the Board. His home is listed as a duplex, but he and his son purchased the home and live in it as a single family home. He’d like to have one garbage service – one bill at the address. Code Enforcement will visit the home and determine whether it is one or two units

Lynnette Ogletree of 670 Sauk Trail representing Arthur Wiggins of Wiggins Cycle, Scooters and Equipment read a letter from Mr. Wiggins and his business license application. The Board advised Ms. Ogletree that the business license application must be tabled and a zoning hearing must be scheduled. The Clerk advised Ms. Ogletree to begin the hearing process at the Steger Village Hall.

Jeff Watson, 3749 Union Avenue asked for an update on the status of an agreement between the Village and 3801 Union Avenue. Trustee Banicki assured Mr. Watson that the document will be signed and that the owner will be held accountable to making the necessary improvements by the date agreed upon. Trustee Banicki assured Mr. Watson there will be follow up.

#### **FIREMEN’S FIRST QUARTER PAYROLL**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the Firemen’s First Quarter Payroll. 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.

#### **COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for March 2012 which was \$323,675.67.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of March 2012, which was \$29,015.85.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for March 2012:

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$55,589.06	January 2012
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$21,389.23	January 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$77,835.89	September 2011
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Oct. 2011-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Dec. 2011-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Jan. 2012-DELAY
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 1,119.18	Jan-Feb 2012
LOCAL USE TAX	\$17,383.01	February 2012
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$19,726.78	February 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$15,835.44	February 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$17,671.41	February 2012
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 247.00	February 2012
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 748.14	December 2011

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Michael Balanow of 3328 Florence regarding dangerous acts and nuisance abatement.

A letter from Kevin Hasemeyer of 3322 Florence regarding band practice at his home Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30pm beginning March 13, 2012.

Police Chief Stultz stated that when called to investigate the level of music played in this neighborhood, the music was not found to be excessively loud. After discussion, Trustee Peterson asked that Code Enforcement monitor the decibel level in the neighborhood.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table indefinitely Reconsideration of KMR Trucking's business license and the possibility of sound barrier fence construction. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table an update to the use of Village vehicles policy. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt a Debt Recovery Ordinance. 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 approve an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the Village of Steger regarding access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recover Program. 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 Peterson made a motion to approve certain projects to be completed with funds from a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant. The Village will go out to bid for a generator for the Community Center and the generator will be included in the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 850-2 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 850-1 (Sign Ordinance). 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. Attorney Burkey suggested the Board review Ordinance No. 850-1. Trustee Peterson directed Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers to review the Ordinance.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approve RESOLUTION NO. 1013 HONORING FIRE CHIEF AL MARTINEZ ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STEGER FIRE DEPARTMENT. 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. The Board and the audience congratulated Chief Martinez on his retirement.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner presented Retired Fire Chief Al Martinez with his Chief's helmet in honor of his retirement.

The Village Clerk swore in Fire Chief Jeff Roesner. The Board and the audience congratulated Chief Roesner on his new position.

Lt. Noella Garcia, Lt. Nowell Fillion and Capt. James Baine presented Fire Chief Roesner with his Chief's helmet.

Fire Chief Roesner invited his new officers to come forward and be sworn in by the Clerk.

The Clerk swore in Deputy Fire Chief James Baine, Assistant Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Captain James Couch, Captain Noella Garcia, Lieutenant Richard Gibbs, Lieutenant Elizabeth Vlahakis and Lieutenant Michael Long. The Board and the audience congratulated the new officers.

The Clerk swore in Travis and Cody Baine as honorary firefighters. Fire Chief Jeff Roesner presented Honorary Firefighters Travis and Cody Baine with badges and plaques. The Board and the audience congratulated the honorary firefighters.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board and the Village of Steger for microwave antennas on the Village's Public Safety tower. 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.

Project Manager Roger Mumford recommended that the Circus be allowed to use the School Board property at the former site of Central School. Trustee Perchinski asked that Charlie Fillion of the Chamber discuss the alternate site with the Circus and the School District. Kmart management was dissatisfied with previous circus events at the Kmart parking lot. Kmart's business was adversely effected. After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Steger Area Chamber of Commerce's request to use the municipal parking lot near K-Mart for their Circus event on August 4th & 5<sup>th</sup> until the Chamber officials can talk to the School District and the Circus representatives. 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 request of Diane Rossi, Community Center Director to install ceiling fans in the work-out room at a total cost of \$1,419.00. 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 Perchinski made a motion to ratify the Board action allowing the Fire and Police Board to meet at the Village Hall on April 11th at 7pm, instead of the previously approved meeting date of April 4th. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request from Brian Metzner of Steger Little League to hold its annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 21st. The Parade will begin at the Community Center parking lot on Hopkins to 34th Street to Morgan to Hecht Park. All participants will ride in vehicles. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Jeff Roesner for a Triple Combination Pumper. After review of the proposals, Chief Roesner recommends the Village accept the proposal of Pierce for \$327,989.00. Pierce met all of the requirements. 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 Perchinski made a motion to accept the change to the work policy. 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 Perchinski made a motion to staff the Fire Department with EMT/Paramedics from 6am to 6pm. 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 request from Edward Fitzgerald, Summer Band Director for a budget of \$3,000.00 for the 2012 Summer Band season until the first Board meeting in May. Trustee Seehausen wants to seek sponsorship of the band from the VFW. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Loren Harn - Dressed to Groove at 3729 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Filipino Oriental Store at 3335 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of Wiggins Cycle, Scooters and Equipment at 670 E. Sauk Trail, pending a Zoning Board recommendation. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Keith Eady of Aura Hair Studio for an extension of his temporary business license, so that he can comply with fire codes. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Fire Chief Jeff Roesner's request to accept Theresa Solorio as a probationary firefighter, pending background checks. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table Wildcat Football's proposal to aerate and seed the football field and all other fields at Veterans Park in exchange for their annual ComEd Electric bill (their portion is \$3,000 annually). Trustee Lopez stated that the Football representatives are to submit a proposal for the work. 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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56 pm**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk